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Tributes are paid as ex-mayor dies at 79



A LONG-SERVING councillor and former mayor of Dudley has died aged 79.

Malcolm Knowles, who represented the Wollaston ward, was a father of three and lived with wife Shirley-Anne in Oldswinford.

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He served on the council between 1975 and 1995, was re-elected in 2002, and was mayor of Dudley in 2004/05.

Mr Knowles, who had eight grandchildren, was a metallurgist and ran a small business in the area.

Friend and fellow council lor Liz Walker said: "He was a very good friend and a very well respected councillor.

well respected councillor.

"He believed passionately in Stourbridge and would give his absolute best for the town."

Town."
Current mayor, Councillor Melvyn Mottram, said:
"We are all saddened. As mayor of Dudley he raised thousands of pounds for his charities Dudley Deaf Children's Society and Carers2Carers Helpline, which made a real difference."

ence."
A funeral service will take place on October 22 at St Thomas's Church in Stour-bridge at 2.30pm.

Firm plans a waste plant

A WASTE recycling plant could be built in Brierley Hill creating 30 jobs.

Clean Power has submitted a plan for the plant on six-acres near the rail line off Moor Street. It would be able to generate electricity for 10,000 homes. A decision on the application will not be made for at least a month.



Gemma, 16, is a knockout talent



Gemma Small, 16, who is the first female boxer to be signed up at Stourbridge College Boxing Academy

TEENAGE boxer Gemma Small is

TEENAGE boxer Gemma Small is punching for joy after becoming the first female boxer at an academy set up for the sport.

Athletic Gemma, aged 16, of Marston Road, Brierley Hill, has her sights set on becoming a professional boxer after being inspired by the Clint Eastwood film Million Dollar Baby, about a woman setting out to be a fighter.

Now she has taken up a knockout opportunity and signed up with

first female boxer to be signed up at Stourbridge College Boxing Academy, run in partnership with The Lions Amateur Boxing Club in Bull Street, Brierley Hill and is the only girl among 12 students.

The two-year course will allow her to continue her education, studying for a BTec in sport.

The Boxing Academy has an open evening on October 31 from 5.30pm for school leavers or those in their last year interested in the sport, as well as studying. well as studying.



A BRIERLEY Hill man accused of murdering his girlfriend at a holiday resort abroad is returning home after he was granted bail at the start of his trial.

Luke Walker, who is accused of beating his girl-friend Chelsea Hyndman to death in Crete, is allowed

The 24-year-old was joined by his family at Heraklion Mixed Court in Greece for the start of the trial this week.

trial this week. He denies murder, saying Miss Hyndman fell following a night out in the resort town of Malia, where they both lived and worked. The court sat for less than an hour before adjourning heavest between the same trial with the same than the same and the

because key prosecution wit-nesses had not been summoned.

Many of the witnesses in the case had flown in from Britain. Miss Hyndman's mother, Heather, and her family also attended and sat in the front rows of the public gallery.

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Walker's solicitor, George Pyromallis, asked that the defendant be allowed to return to England on bail.

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Walker has spent the last
two-and-a-half years in
Crete, initially on remand
for five months before he
was granted bail on the condition he did not leave the
island island.

island.

The Walker family were emotional as the court granted bail to the UK. After the hearing, Luke said it was the "best outcome so far".

He said: "I expected the trial to go ahead today — I thought this would be it now. "I haven't even thought about what I'll do when I get



Luke Walker arriving at court in Crete

home. It hasn't crossed my mind. I'm a bit scared about it but it's amazing news. All I want to do is clear my name. It's been a nightmare, horrible. Work has been dif-ficult Lear't gat ich

horrible. Work has been dif-ficult, I can't get jobs.

"But my family and friends have been amazing and really supported me. I can't thank them enough."

His parents, who have been splitting their time between Crete and England, said thay were shocked by

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"I'm just so glad he's going home," said his father, Patrick. "But to know it's not over and we still have the trial to come is hard.

"It's going to be hard for Luke. He hasn't been to England in two-and-a-half years so it'll take some set-tling in."

He added that the family would return home as soon as bail was arranged.

Road is branded riskiest

A MAIN route between Stourbridge and Kiddermin-Stouroringe and Midderminster has been branded the most dangerous road in the West Midlands.

A report says there were 13 serious crashes on the four-mile stretch of the A451 in four wars, including a

in four years, including a smash that killed an elderly couple from Dudley. Speed limits were reduced

on the carriageway earlier this year following a spate of smashes.

The Road Safety Founda-

tion study has singled out the road, which runs through Norton and Iverley, as the most "high risk" in

as the most "high risk" in the region.
Joseph and Lily Fellows from Netherton, who were aged 85 and 84 respectively, died after a collision involving five cars on the road in May 2010 at Ismere.
And a car ended up in a front garden after overturning at the roundabout with Racecourse Lane two years ago.

Speed limits for most of the road were reduced in March this year from 60mph to 50mph, and between

to 50mph, and between liverley and Norton the limit is now 40mph.

The study looks at the period between 2006 and 2010.

It says a quarter of the incidents happened at junctions, while 38 per cent involved vehicles leaving the road.

Bonfire date is cancelled

AN annual bonfire and fire-works display held for more than a decade in Stourbridge has been cancelled this year over fears that bad weather could result in financial loss.

could result in financial loss.
The town's football and cricket clubs called off the event, at the War Memorial Athletic Ground in Amblecote, after poor attendances resulted in a loss of £1,000 last year. They have not ruled out it returning next year.

At its height it attracted more than 3,000 people.

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Plenty of fun on offer for Bonfire Night

display this year.

The town's football and cricket clubs called off the event at the War Memorial Athletic Ground in Amblecote after three years of falling attendances led to a loss of about £1,000 last year.

BONFIRE night will still go with a bang despite cancellation of Stour-bridge's firework and bonfire display this year.

Himley Hall, The Black Country Living Museum, Dudley and West firework display is on Friday November 2, and there are events at Himley Hall, The Black Country Living Museum, Dudley and West Midland Safari Park, Bewdley, the next day.

Memorial Athletic Ground in imblecote after three years of alling attendances led to a loss of bout £1,000 last year.

But Halesowen Cricket Club's Thousands are expected at Dudley Council's bonfire and firework show at Himley Hall. The council wants help from businesses over pallets to build the bonfire.

Councillor Tracy Wood, cabinet member for environment and culture, said: "Himley Hall and Park's fireworks and bonfire display is the largest council run display in the country and it is very popular with our residents."

Bob Lawrence, safari park director of wildlife, said: "We hold a fantastic night each year which draws in many thousands of people.

road, so I'd urge people to come down and join in the fun." The event features fireworks, a bonfire, safari illuminations and African themed

Also on Saturday night The Black Country Living Museum is holding a bonfire night with roast chestnuts, toffee apples, fire juggling, Punch & Judy shows and music.

planned MORE than 20 new car parking spaces are planned for Gornal village if a long-awaited scheme is given the

Parking

spaces are

go-anead.
Residents and traders have campaigned for a shoppers'car park to be created by the council for more than 20 years.
Proposals are now being looked at by Dudley Council

looked at by Dudley Council and a village councillor said he expected "substantial progress" by the end of the year. Councillor Stuart Turner

Councillor Stuart Turner said the plan was for around 25 extra spaces to be created on vacant council-owned land off Abbey Street. He said a basic design outline had now been created following a site meeting with council offi-cers with more detailed plans and costs being drawn up for the project.

plans and costs being drawn up for the project. Councillor Turner said: "Meetings have now taken place and early plans setting out what we intend to do have been drawn up. "The total number of spaces has yet to be finalised but looking at the site it is

but looking at the site it is intended around 25 spaces could be created.

"The way parking is in Gornal at the moment even a smaller number of spaces would be a significant help."

Exploring

A HISTORY group has announced its calendar of meetings for the rest of the year with new members welcome to sign up.

Amblecote History
Society will stage the events
at the recently refurbished
Ruskin Mill Glass Centre, in
Wollaston Road.

For the next talk on November 14, Andrew Lound will bring along a collection of wartime costumes and memorabilia.

The talk, entitled When the Lights Went Out, will look at wartime memories from the area using sound effects, music and anima-

Following that, Christmas social is on December 12 with Dave Berry.

Visitors are welcome and will be asked to pay a £3 entry fee.

£1.3m college plan to expand gets go-ahead

A SIXTH form college in Stourbridge has been given the green light for a £1.3 million expansion, despite the concerns raised by neighbours.

King Edward VI College has won planning permission from Dudley Council to demolish the old De Saulles building, in St John's Road, and replace it with a two-storey maths centre. Catering for 500 students, the teaching block will consist of seven classrooms, toilets, a reception area and a staff room at the former factory premises.

At a meeting last week the development control committee approved the promittee approved the pro-

posal.

The decision was made

the new building being set away from the houses, would minimise any impact.

They did accept sunlight to the homes could be lost at surrise, but said this effect would already be felt because of the old De Saulles building.

Suitable

look very apt in this part of Stourbridge."

Stourbridge."
The proposal was unanimously passed by councillors on the condition the wall is kept and no CCTV cameras are installed by the college without a further application. The expansion will be funded by the college in Lower High Street, with

the help of a Government grant of £675,000.

building

flock to get lost in maze

The decision was made despite concerns by residents living in St Giles Row, off Lower High Street, that a two-storey building would reduce daylight to their houses and affect their privacy.

But officers said a 2.4 metre wall, combined with the new building being set away from the houses, would A TOURIST attraction is celebrating a successful year after receiving around 2.000 visitors over the summer.
The Maize Maze at Kinver

Edge Farm, Sandy Lane, was given a London theme this year to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympic and Para-lympic Games.

And Ian Sadler, who runs Suitable
Councillor Rachel Harris
said: "I think the new building would be a good addition,
certainly to the landscape."
Councillor Colin Wilson
said: "I do like how the
teaching block is set away
from the wall and there is
open space which could be
used as a garden.
"This is a suitable development which I think would
look very apt in this part of

the maze and farm shop, said the attraction had enjoyed a large number of visitors since it opened in

People have until the end of the month to visit the maze before it closes for this

year.
Planting to create the Maize Maze starts in Apri. The tracks are cut into the maze at the end of May.

Mr Sadler said they aimed to have the maze completed by the end of July in time for the school holidays.

Admission is £5 for adults and £4 for children, senior citizens and students.
Under-3s get in for free.

Vicar says a fond farewell



Rev Ron Curtis, who is retiring from St Thomas's Church after nearly eight years

A VICAR said a fond farewell to the community he has served for nearly eight years when he retired on Sunday. The Reverend Ron Curtis led his final services as priest-in-darge at St Thomas's Church, Market Street, Stourbridge.

Mr Curtis said he would remember his Mr Curtis seathly solehyated his 65th.

Mr Curtis recently celebrated his 65th birthday and felt the time was right to stand down from the position he has held since January 2005. He and his wife Claire will move to Oxfordshire to be closer to their

time in Stourbridge fondly and would miss the friendships he and his wife enjoyed. He trained to become a fully-serving priest at 57, after spending 32 years working for Customs and Excise.

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Winners' awards made by students

ceremony.

Eight flame-shaped sculp-tures have been designed, made and engraved by stu-dents at Stourbridge's Glasshouse College.

Glasshouse College.

They will be handed to recipients at the Dudley Volunteer Awards tonight (Thursday) at Brierley Hill Civic Hall.

Community champions, sporting stars, inspirational young people and long serving volunteers will be honoured.

The students secured

honoured.

The students secured money from the Youth Opportunities Fund to get the project off the ground.

Glasshouse College, in Wollaston Road, Amblecote, teacher perspective of the 25

woilaston Road, Ambiecote, teaches people aged 16 to 25, with learning difficulties.

Enrichment manager Gail Hickman said the college was delighted to work on the project for the second year.

"Glasshouse College provides a unique learning envi-ronment and this type of project is fantastic for project is fantastic for helping to increase students' confidence and self esteem," she said.

The Council of Voluntary Service said it was a pleasure working with the students.

Writer joins in school's ceremony

AN award-winning author has helped cut the ribbon to open a new learning centre at a Stourbridge school.

Alan Durant paid a visit to Pedmore Technology College and Community School.

He was guest of honour at the Grange Lane school as it opened its new learning centre which includes a library and study areas.

The visit also coincided with National Poetry Day last Thursday and included a question and answer session with pupils.

with pupils.

Mr Durant, who has won awards for his works Burger Boy and Football Fever, shared his experiences as an author with key stage three students.

He have them insights on ow how to develop the skills creative writing and writing poetry.

Rare barge restoration will cost £62,000



Rare wooden joey boat Birchills

to transform Stourbridge will be

sent to the Secretary of State after residents have given their views

Publication of the Stourbridge Area Action Plan was agreed at a full meeting of Dudley Council last week. Public consulta-tion will be carried out until November 12 so

And it is hoped the plan will be formally adopted at the end of 2013 to guide inward investment to the town centre well into the next decade.

next decade. Traders, developers and councillors helped to draw up the plan which includes proposals for new shops, offices and homes along with improvements to transport routes for walkers and cyclists and better while acceptance.

public spaces.

Any suggestions made will then be consid-

Any suggestions made with then be considered and minor changes made to the document by council officers before it is sent to the Secretary of State early next year.

Making improvements to the look of the town's ring road is also being seen as important to the future prosperity of the town to draw in near their secretary.

Wildlife

New pathways for visitors to the River Stour and pedestrian crossing points on parts of the ring road would also be created under the scheme.

New green space is also proposed along the banks of the River Stour to encourage wildlife and to promote more walking and evaluar.

The plan will also improve the Stour-bridge Wharf area adjacent to the Stour-bridge Town Arm Canal near the Bonded Warehouse.

Copies of the development plan can be found on Dudley Council's planning

found on Dudley Council's planning website.

The plan can also be viewed at the council's offices at St James's Road, Dudley Council Plus, in Dudley, and Mary Stevens Park, in Stourbridge.

Mattress in fire drama

A MATTRESS caught fire in a bedroom of a

house in Lye causing smoke damage. Crews from Stourbridge Fire Station were called to

the address in Valley Road last week. No-one

was in the house at the time

on the plans.

cycling.

restore a rare wooden joey boat at the Black Country Living Museum.

Black Country Living Museum.
Around \$62,000 is needed to carry out vital repairs on Birchills which was built in 1953 by Ernest Thomas at Walsall locks and worked on the run to Birchills Power Station. A joey boat was horsedrawn and not designed for living on.
When the power station closed, the joey boat was sent to Hatherton Junction on the Staffordshire and Worcestershire canal and moored on the Hatherton Branch, outside Mr Thomas's house.

Branch, outside Mr Thomas's house

Director of development Carolyn

Residents to have say on

plan for town development

far towards the restoration. The museum is also waiting to hear whether large bids for grants have been successful.

Bosses have also said Stour, a long dis-

Bosses have also said Stour, a long dis-tance wooden motor boat, built in 1937, is also a priority for restoration work.

Chief executive Andrew Lovett said:
"The museum owns 16 boats, eight of which are floating, and of these priority status for major funding and work has been given to wooden boat Birchills, which has been identified as the most important and most vulperable of the important and most vulnerable of the vessels at the museum. We commenced

conservation in 2013. Stour is also in need of work, a survey commissioned by the museum in 2011, when the boat was in dry dock for works to the hull, gives us

in dry dock for works to the hull, gives us
the start point for future efforts at
raising the necessary funds.

Stour and other boats in the collection
receive frequent volunteer attention to
check bilge pumps, remove weeds and
pump out water.

The museum is appealing for donations and anyone interested can call 0121
521 3511 or visit the website on

Warnings given to metal dealers

ROGUE scrap dealers in the region have been getting their final warn-ings ahead of new laws being passed to ban cash transactions. Officers

Deing passed to ban cash can stransactions. Officers working as part of Operation Tornado, the national drive to tackle metal theft, have been visiting scrap yards in the Black Country to tighten control on businesses which illegally trade in stolen goods.

Metal theft continues to fall in the region. Since the start of the year the number of offences reported has more than halved compared to the same period in 2011.

Pop-up shop to help youngsters

A Mary Portas-style "pop-up" shop will be opened for a month in Dudley to seek out unemployed teenagers looking for jobs.

It will open from October 26 to November 23. The Black Country Training Group (BCTG) will take over a former estate agent's shop in Stone Street.

The shop is being opened by Dudley North MP Ian Austin at 2pm.

Coffee morning to help the deaf

A "paws for coffee" morning will be held in Hagley on November 10 to raise money for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

The charity trains dogs to assist the deaf and the Hagley branch is organising the coffee morning at the Free Church hall from 10am to noon. There will be cakes, a raffle, as well as a chance to meet as as a chance to meet a "hearing dog".

Go-ahead given to housing plan

MORE than 40 homes will be built on a former industrial site by the Dudley Canal in Nether-

ton.
Planners at Dudley Council have granted permission to GC Netherton to build 44 homes on the former Tinsley Works site off Northfield Road.
Outline permission was

Outline permission was given for 54 homes.

Collection appeal

HAGLEY and Blakedown British Legion needs vol-unteers for house-to-house poppy collections. because some older collec-tors have retired. Contact chairman Peter Hollis on 01562 886556.

Damien Hirst show pulls in the crowds



Liz Morris, of Wednesfield, and Nick Gordon, of Kingswinford, at the show

THOUSANDS of people from across the region have been descending on The New Art Gallery in Walsall to see the long-awaited exhibition by Damien Hirst.

Some of the artist's most influential pieces, including Away From The Flock, are on display at the gallery.

The exhibition features 13 pieces and is seen as a major cour for the venue as work

The exhibition features 13 pieces and is seen as a major coup for the venue as work by Hirst, who won the Turner Prize in 1995, is rarely seen outside of London.

Away from the Flock, his 1994 sheep suspended in formaldehyde, is proving to be

the main attraction. Jo Thompson, 41, of Kinver was with her daughter Alex, seven, and Aiden Southall, 31, from Dudley. Jo said: "It is definitely a good thing for the town to have something like this, the orbibition is now interacting."

exhibition is very interesting

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Healthcare assistant Liz Harris, 22, of
Wood End, Wednesfield, and Nick
Gordon, 26 of Kingswinford had also made
the trip to see the show.
Liz said: "I quite like Damien Hirst and I
was really surprised when I found out this
was here. The way it has been put together

Jo and Alex Thompson and Aden Southall

is great, I like that they have integrated it with what is already here."
Among the first to see the collection was Gail McKenzie, 35, of Darlaston.
She said: "My partner wanted to come because he is really into art and my kids

wanted to come.

"It's good to get something so high-profile in the gallery."

The Hirst collection is at the Gallery Square venue until October 27, with 11 art-works by the artist and two special wallpa-ners.



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BEST **OF PETER** RHODES

CAN you believe the luck of that Abu Hamza? A reader assures me the Christmas panto at the Manhattan Metropolitan Correction Centre this year is going to be Peter Pan.

JUST remember, as food prices start rising and manufacturers blame it all on poor grain harvests around the world, that raw materials make up only a around the world, that raw materials make up only a small part of the price of modern foods. In a simple loaf, the flour accounts for only 10 per cent of the total price. In highly processed foods the proportion is even less. So a 30 per cent hike in grain prices should not cause huge price rises in the supermarkets – but profiteering in the board rooms most certainly will.

TWO weeks ago The Food Hospital (C4) sang the praises of watercress. The next day our local and usually well-stocked market, was sold out of watercress in a couple of hours. Remember the Delia effect? More than 10 years ago Delia Smith's TV tips resulted in soaring sales of cranberries and capers.

sales of cranberries and capers.

And when she described her favourite metal pan as "a little gem," the firm making them, which had been selling only 200 a year, turned out 90,000 in the next four months. Now, The Food Hospital claims blueberries could improve our brain power. Has the panic-buying of blueberries begun?

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THE Food Hospital also introduced us to a morbidly obese bloke who had made a special effort to keep his alcohol intake down at a wedding. He had limited himself to 12 pints of Guinness and eight cans of lager and seemed very satisfied. No blueberries there, then.

SOMETIMES we say what we think, not what's on the script. That seasoned broadcaster Jim Naughtie referred carelessly this week to the "headache" on Jimmy Savile's

carelessly this week to the "headache" on Jimmy Savile's grave. Er, headstone.

MEANWHILE, what a revelation Savile's 1978 autobiography is turning out to be. This is the book that should have been Exhibit A for the prosecution. Relating the tale of one young girl who threw herself at him, Savile says: "Should the reader feel that her folks appear unconcerned, you would not believe the stories I might tell you about some parents."

It seems the DJ was referring to parents who don't give a damn what their kids are doing so long as there

It seems the DJ was referring to parents who don't give a damn what their kids are doing so long as there is a chance, however remote, of fame and fortune. So what's new? There is a long and shameful showbiz tradition of ambitious mothers delivering their daughters to the producer's casting couch. It may suit police, BBC bosses and Savile's colleagues to claim that the DJ's behaviour was hidden by a conspiracy of silence. The truth is that it was there, in black and white, for anyone to read.

BACK in August as the first wave of Boris fever swept the nation, I wrote: "At various stages in his life and career, Boris Johnson has shown himself to have feet of clay."

clay."

I am not alone in doubting the London Mayor's fitness for high office. In the Daily Mail a couple of days ago his former boss Max Hastings who knows him well denounced him as "a gold-medal egomaniac" who is "utterly unfit to go higher still."

No-one denies that Boris can be a charmer, a crowd-pleaser and a great entertainer. But so was George Formby. And when the chips were down in 1940 we were lucky to have Winston Churchill as prime minister and George Formby entertaining the masses, and not the other way around. other way around.

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AT A time when funeral prices are soaring, I couldn't feel much sympathy for the reader who wrote to tell me the cremation and delivery of the late Colin's ashes set his family back a total of £95. Then I read on. Turns out Colin was a rabbit and the bill came from the vet.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

National Express to take on 1,700 staff

So far 361 drivers and 12 inspectors have been taken on with bosses saying they are ahead of where they planned to be.

Many of the jobs have been made

Managing director Peter Coates said: "We still have vacancies but we've been successful in recruiting, particularly in getting lady drivers to work for us."

Mr Coates added: "We're increasing our revenue protection work. It's something our customers want us to do. We lose between two and four per cent of our revenue to fraud, and we want to see that come down."

o work for us." National Express is drawing up The company is also increasing its plans for a smartcard to allow people

MORE than 370 bus drivers and inspectors have been recruited by National Express West Midlands since April.

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National Express West Midlands employs 5,500 people on its bus and tram operations.

Managing director Peter Coates

Managing director Peter Coates

More than 370 bus drivers and inspections to cut down on the fixed edging.

Mr Coates added: "We're increasing our revenue protection work. It's something our customers want in January. He said a National Express and considering whether to raise them in January. He said a National Express are to proposed to propose as Mr Coates revealed the company was having to review fares and considering whether to raise them in January. He said a National Express are to proposed card was an option but that it would take time to develop.

"We have to get it right and know that people have confidence in the system", he said.

Go-ahead for zoo's revamp proposals

PLANS to restore Dudley have been given the go-ahead by council chiefs. paving the way for work to begin.

Four of the Tecton structures, which date back to 1937, will be restored to their former glory with the help of £1.15 million of Letterweak

As well as the entrance, the bear ravine, a kiosk and the former Station Cafe, which is now used as the Safari Shop, will also be refurbished.

A planning application for listed building consent was submitted to Dudley Council earlier this year. Permission for the work due to start next year has now been granted by council planners.

Planning officer Pete Boland said: "The granting of listed building consent is justified in that the propos-als will have no detrimental impact upon the listed heritage assets, specifically the Tecton zoo entrance, station cafe, bear ravine and kiosk

"On the contrary the repair and reinstatement works will stabilise the structures and improve their appearance."

Villagers win speed rethink

SPEED measures installed in a village near Stourbridge could be altered a second time after residents com-plained of traffic chaos along

plained of traffic chaos along its busy High Street. Villagers in Kinver have battled to get pinch points removed, claiming they leave drivers confused. And traders say the road becomes heavily congested at delivery times as there is

no space for lorries to pull in

no space for lorries to pull in to drop off goods.

The High Street traffic measures were installed in a £900,000 revamp. But Staffordshire County Council said it was now planning to carry out an independent survey of traffic in the area.

Christmas show

TICKETS have gone on sale for a Christmas by Candle-light concert at St John's Church, Hagley.

Unurch, Hagley.
The event will take place on
December 11. Tickets cost
between £12 and £18 and are
available by calling 01562
884216.

156 health workers opt to leave in big shake-up

Black Country are set to leave their posts as part of a shake-up of NHS services.

Staff at the Black Country Cluster of Primary Care Trusts, which covers Walsall, Wolverhampton, Sandwell, and Dudley which includes Stourbridge, and runs GP surgeries and public health, are being allowed to resign as part of a move to cut jobs. The Mutually Agreed Resignation of the March Scheme Scheme State of the State of the

Children

can get in

the swim

INTENSIVE swimming lessons are being offered to children wanting to take the

splash in the Dudley borough this half term. Dudley Leisure Centre and Crystal Leisure Centre in Stourbridge are running the courses from October 22 to 26

The daily sessions will be

30 minutes long.

In Stourbridge, the beginners' class will be from 9.30am and 10.30am and the improvers' class at 10am.

In Dudley, a beginners' class will run from 9am, 20am 10 years at 10 years.

9.30am, 10am and 10.30am The sessions will cost £23 for the week, but must be booked and paid for in

advance.
Councillor Tracy Wood,
cabinet member for environment and culture, said:
"Swimming is fantastic
exercise as well as being
good fun.
"The swimming course
are always very popular and

are always very popular and

parents are encouraged to enrol as soon as possible." Anyone interested can call 01384 812800 for more information.

30 minutes long.

tion Scheme was first opened due to changes under the Government's Health and Social Care

Act.
The shake-up will see PCTs abolished from April, and public health responsibilities shared across a number of organisations. sations.

Around 230 of the 1,100 staff at the Black Country cluster applied for resigna-tion and 156 have been approved. Spokeswoman Laura Broster said: "We want to

Broster said: "We want to avoid compulsory redun-dancies wherever possible. "As part of the support we are offering staff, we are trying to give them some flexibility over when and how they leave.

Terms

"One way of doing this is though MARS – a mutually agreed resignation scheme. It offers staff a chance to agree a departure date on terms which are similar to those they could expect if they were made redundant.

"Staff have now been notified and have been sent settlement amounts and agreements to sign.

and agreements to sign.

we are waiting for individuals to say if they individuals to say if they will accept the terms, we cannot at this stage say, with certainty how many people will leave, or what the total cost will be. We are trying to manage this process as sensitively as we can, and that includes having open and honest discussions with trade unions."

What a feeling for a hit show



Amy Williams, Lara Mitchell, Anna Hough and Anna Forster, front, in Flashdance

steelworker's dreams of becoming a dancer is on at The Town Hall Theatre in Stour For more details about the production, bridge until Saturday (20). The show feapople can ring 07504 301767.

HIT eighties film Flashdance is being brought to life on stage by Stourbridge Operatic Society.

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Garage to be centre of learning

A DISUSED garage near homes in the Black Country could be turned into an Islamic education centre under new plans.

If it gets the go-ahead the unit, in Cinder Bank, will be taken over by Netherton Islamic Trust, which now uses an adjoining terraced house.

The plans have been rec-

The plans have been rec-ommended for approval by Dudley Council's develop-ment control committee.

ment control committee.

A statement by bosses at the trust says: "The application has been submitted to enhance the existing educational facility within the adjoining Islamic learning workshop rather than increasing student numbers.
"The present centre has "The present centre has

"The present centre has no dedicated parking and this application would provide at least 12 off road spaces for staff and visitors

spaces for staff and visitors accessed from the existing entrance. The number of students are approximately 30 at each class and these are staged, running between 4pm and 6.30pm. "It is important to note this activity takes place from the adjacent site and therefore the application is about improving the quality of service provision and providing some parking facility for the existing activity," the statement added.

Half-term fun planned

THERE will be fun and games at Stourbridge's Crystal Leisure Centre during the half-term. The sessions, from October 22 to 28, include gymnastics, trampolining, arts and crafts and a roller disco.

Youngsters can whiz around the sports hall at Jerry's Roller Disco on October 22 from 1.30pm to

October 22 from 1.30pm to 3pm and 3pm to 4.30pm. Hour-long trampolining sessions are running for children aged five to 15 on October 23 at 10am and 11am for beginners and at noon and 1pm for advanced. Under fives can have a go at trampolining on October 23 and 26 at 2.30pm. For more information or to book

more information or to book a place call 01384 812800.

Ballroom dance

BALLROOM and sequence dancing will take place at Lutley Community Centre, Halesowen on October 20.

Halesowen on October 20.
Stephen Gill will provide
the music on orchestral keyboards. The dance starts at
7.30pm. Tickets £5, including a light supper. Call Irene
Layton on 0121 550 8631.

Time to get in the ring with heavyweights

WHEN George Osborne announced in 2010 that an extension of the Midland Metro would be funded in Birmingham, there was delight

from the city council.

But more than 13 years after the Midland Metro line between Wolverhampton and Birmingham opened, there is still no movement on

an extension from Wednesbury to Brierley Hill.

The plan has private sector backing. Merry
Hill centre owners Westfield would stump up
£36 million. The roads of the Black Country are a constant source of irritating congestion for commuters and hauliers alike. If ever there was a case for a rapid transit system, this was surely it. Instead, Brummies can save themselves a

thing about it, says DANIEL WAINWRIGHT

five-minute walk between Snow Hill and New

Street stations thanks to a £125m investment. Just what is it about the Black Country that means this area is left in the shadows while means this area is left in the shadows while Birmingham has become a thriving, vibrant metropolis in line for high speed rail stations and with one of the best shopping destinations in Europe in the form of the Bullring?

Paul Bennett, chairman of the Black Country Chamber of Commerce, thinks having four separate councils for Wolverhampton, Sandwell, Dudley and Walsall is stifling the

region s ability to come up with radical needs.

An over-arching organisation in charge of transport and regeneration is proposed. It would be similar to one in Greater Manchester.

The potential is there to share council services between and cut out duplication, thus

saving the taxpayer money and giving the region a pot of funding to pump into major infrastructure and grants for businesses that will boost employment.

But before any grand plans are drawn up and

signed the four councils must first take a long look at what they have been doing and under-stand why the region is not punching its weight against Birmingham when it comes to attract-

ing investment. For years the councils have been funding the Black Country Consortium to work on projects that benefit the entire region.

Any combined authority must be about cutting through the bureaucracy, removing the duplication of roles and having a clear and determined view about where the region is heading

In the 21st century we no longer conduct all our affairs in just one area. It is commonplace for people to live in one council area, work in another and spend their leisure time in yet another.

another.

Recognising that the Black Country needs its boroughs to pull in the same direction will allow it to become greater than the sum of its parts.

The final concert of the year at the venue will feature violinist Billy Phompson. His band will perform numbers made famous by Stephane Grappelli and Django Reinhardt.

in brief

Big band lined up

for concert date

THE 18-strong Sambuca Diaries Big Band play at the Bonded Warehouse, in Canal Street, Stourbridge, on November 9

There will also be Hungarian tunes and Latin American melodies. There will be more concerts in 2013.

New trees to be planted in park

planted in park
NEW trees will be planted
in a Dudley park after
campaigners secured the
help of conservationists.
More than 400 saplings
will be placed in King
George V Park, Wordsley,
thanks to the parkland's
friends group.
They have been given a
free pack of saplings from
the Woodland Trust to celebrate the Queen's
Diamond Jubilee.
The trees will be delivered next month for a ceremonial planting on

emonial planting on November 17.

Students' help for charity drive

STUDENTS at a Stour-bridge sixth form college

bridge sixth form college supported the national Jeans for Genes day.

The Student Union at King Edward VI College chose a cowboy theme for the fundraiser and hoped to raise more than £250.

Jeans for Genes is a national charity raising funds for children born with genetic disorders which affect one in 25 children born in the UK.

Search is on to find more talent

PERFORMERS can join in a regional talent contest, now in its sixth year, at a Netherton church.

Champions Church is hosting Midlands Got Talent in December. Audi-tions are on November 3 and 10 at the church in Cinder Bank. See www. championschurch.org.uk for details.

Plan is dropped

A PLAN to open a take-away at a former post office in Queensway, Halesowen has been dropped. A planning application was submit-ted to Dudley Council but last week GP Chartered Surveyors said said it was now withdrawn.

Discussion on creating one super authority in region

THE problem has plagued the Black Country for years. How does it punch its weight against big cities like Birmingham and Manchester? Council leaders are in discussions about whether to create a new tier of local government that would act on behalf of Dudley. Sandwell. Wolverhampton and Walsall on matters of joint importance.

In the Black Country the councils already work together but major projects such as the extension of the Midland Metro out to the Merry Hill shopping centre have failed to make the government's list of priorities while Birmingham was granted funding to take the trams to New Street.

take the trams to New Street.
If a joint authority was created the four councils of the Black Country may be able to share services in planning and housing public protection, regeneration and health, particularly at a time when primary care trusts are due to be dissolved and many of their powers transferred over to councils.
The Labour leader of Wolverhampton City Council, Roger Lawrence, is keen to pursue a body similar to the recently launched

Council, Roger Lawrence, is keen to pursue a body similar to the recently launched Greater Manchester Authority which would oversee transport and regeneration.

Councillor Darren Cooper, Labour leader of Sandwell Council, agrees while Councillor David Sparks, Labour leader of Dudley Council, would prefer to go further and explore merging the authorities completely. Only Mike Bird, Conservative leader of Walsall Council, wants to keep things as they are.

Integration

Councillor Sparks said: "I've always been in favour of the closest possible integration of the four authorities. In my ideal world that would be one Black Country authority. But we're not in my ideal world and we should look at a combined authority similar to that in Greater Manchester or Yorkshire.

"The gurent beyndaries of the Black with the state of the Black of

"The current boundaries of the Black "The current boundaries of the Black Country are completely irrational. My own ward of Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood is next to Cradley Heath and Old Hill in Sandwell and I defy anybody to point out where the boundary is.

"There was a partial reorganisation of the Black Country in 1966 and that was the time when a single authority should have been established."

"The main priority now needs to be a single co-ordinated, strategic approach on issues such as regeneration and transport which clearly go across local authority boundaries." He said he hoped to meet other leaders

Could the region become an economic powerhouse if its four regions merged? **DANIEL WAINWRIGHT reports**

towards the end of the month to decide how to proceed. Councillor Lawrence said: "There are some discussions going on about creating a combined authority. It will not be a unitary authority.

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"All the councils would carry on as the yare in regards to services like bin collections and children and young people. A combined authority, like what they have now in Greater Manchester, would cover things like

transport and economic regeneration.
"The transport needs of the Black

"The transport needs of the Black Country go beyond our borders, such as talk of a link road from the M54 to the M6 Toll road or freight depots."

The Black Country already has a body called the Black Country Consortium funded by the authorities that works to boost inward investment, sport and tourism. Sandwell Council leader Darren Cooper Believes an authority with political leader.

believes an authority with political leader-ship would be able to do more. He said: "I ship would be able to do more. He said: "I wouldn't want a unitary authority because we could end up like Birmingham where that localism and the closeness of the community is lost. But an authority based on the model Roger has suggested would keep the best of both worlds.

Councillor Bird said: "I think we already work wall troother."

work well together.

Paul Bennett, president of the Black Country Chamber of Commerce called for a debate on the idea and said the region was in

denate on the idea and said the region was in need of a change to help it attract the "trans-formational change" that had been seen in Birmingham and Manchester. Dudley Labour MP Ian Austin, a former West Midlands regional minister, has backed the calls. He said: "There will be tens of thousands of jobs created in growth areas like distill predict advended reconstitution." like digital media, advanced manufacturing and bio-technology, and we need to put our-selves in a position to attract them. That will only happen if we improve co-ordination on matters such as economic development, regeneration and transport."

Touch of style on catwalk



Lisa Flude who is organising the fashion event to raise money for Cancer Research

STYLISH gowns will feature in charity catwalk show next week.

Evening wear and prom dresses will be on show at the event, hosted by boutique owner Lisa Flude. It runs between 7pm and Lisa Flude. It runs between 7pm and 9.30pm at The Laurels Club, in Colly Gate, Cradley, on October 25.

Expert designers will also showcase

bespoke and footwear. Entrance is £1 with proceeds going to Cancer Research UK.

Mrs Flude, who runs Lisa Marie's Boutique in Victoria Passage, Stourbridge, said: "We picked Cancer Research because every-"We picked cancer Research occause every-one knows someone who has been affected by it, and it is close to so many people's hearts." For details call 01384 377530.

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Thieves are raiding 25 cars a week n the region

a week in the Black Country, with sat navs, power tools and laptops being some of the most common items to be stolen.

Police across the region are stepping up their efforts to tackle the issue, particularly in the run-up to Christigning access to the vehicle

larly in the run-up to Christmas, which is when vehicles are often targeted because of gifts being left on display. Figures show there were 716 vehicle crime incidents in the region in September and a further 768 in August. A total of of those crimes 306 were in Dudley, 472 in Sandwell, and 358 in Walsall and 343 in Wolverhampton. Ch Insp Darren Walsh, from West Midlands Police, said the force was committed to tackling car crime. "Tactics — including the

ted to tackling car crime.
"Tactics – including the
use of capture cars, robust
offender management and
the criminal anti-social
behaviour orders – continue
to be used to drive vehicle
crime down even further,"
he said.

"While we will not reveal specific details on how criminals are stealing or breaking into cars, in the vast

majority of cases, they are gaining access to the vehicle by smashing a side window to steal items left on display. "These range from power tools, laptops, sat navs, items of clothing and even lose chance."

items of clothing and even lose change.

"As with all crimes, the police and local people hold the answer to preventing car crime and, by sharing information, they are also central to our ability to bring criminals to justice."

Last week, a parked car was damaged after being set alight in Shawbury Road, Heath Town.

This summer, arsonists

Heath Town.

This summer, arsonists set fire to two cars in an attack in Tipton.

The vehicles were set alight on Churchfield Avenue, near to a block of flats.

A Renault Clio was burned out while a Fist

burned out, while a Fiat Diablo was damaged.

Dancing with joy



Dance teachers Jade Howells and Louise Edwards with youngsters from the academy

YOUNG dancers in the Black Country are celebrating after

YOUNG dancers in the Black Country are celebrating after waltzing their way to success in their exams.

The pupils from Avia Dance Academy who train at the George Salter Academy, Claypit Lane, West Bromwich, and the Brook Street Community Centre, Tipton, were delighted to all pass their dance exams.

While the 70 youngsters, who are aged between three and 16, all passed, more than 20 of them gained the top honours grade. The dancers learn both street dance and freestyle, and the academy also offers lessons in contemporary dance. Jade Howells who runs the dance school said: "I am really very proud of them all. They have all worked so very hard, and these are our best grades yet."

Members of the academy are now gearing up for their annual presentation evening this week. Anyone interested

annual presentation evening this week. Anyone interested in joining the group should contact Ms Howells on 07870





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Arson fears over trees



John Homer, 70, with the damaged tree in the front garden of his property doors down from where she lives.

Mrs White, a self-employed

ARSONISTS have set fire to dozens of trees in four attacks on one housing estate in Halesowen -sparking concerns from residents

Mrs White, a self-employed ground maintenance worker, believes the fires are started by using flammable liquid.

She said: "Someone or people are targeting trees along our road at different times over the past few weeks – and I've heard its happening elsewhere too.

"They need to be caught soon before something serious does happen." sparking concerns from residents living nearby.

Mother-of-two Katie White, aged 38, of Uffmoor Estate, says she is worried by the pattern of fires, which have all happened within the past six weeks.

The latest attack happened early on October 9 outside her father, 70-year-old John Homer's house two

Black Country and Staffordshire lodged appeals with councils after their children failed to get into their first choice schools, official figures show.

official figures show.

But just nine per cent of the 3,236 appeals lodged with local authorities by parents – or 295 – were successful.

According to the figures released by the Department for Education (DfE) which relate to infant, primary and secondary schools, Dudley parents submitted 505 appeals.

Councillor Sue Ridney a governor at Christ Church CE Primary School, Coseley, said: "We had 17 appeals at Christ Church and only one was successful so there were 16 sets of very disappointed parents.

sets of very disappointed parents.

"The appeal process is entirely independent and parents have the opportunity to put forward the case for why their child should get a pleas.

get a place.
"Unfortunately when schools are popular

Unfortunately when schools are popular they do get a lot of applications and there are only so many pupils they can admit to maintain safety and a high quality of learning." Figures show Sandwell parents submitted 1,259 appeals. There were 574 in Staffordshire, 468 in Wolvenhampton and 430 in Walsall. Figures relating to the 2010/11 academic year were just released by the DfE.

demic year were just released by the DTE.
Total appeals made in the region were
down from 3,419 the previous year.
Nationally 46,905 appeals were lodged.

Children's time at library

ACTIVITIES for children are being staged at Stourport Library.

There will be a Peter Rabbit colouring competition from October 22 until November 5. Youngsters can collect a colouring page of Peter Rabbit from the library.

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chainmaking shop in Oak Street, Old Hill around 1910





close up of some of the women at Harry's shop in Old Hill

How Mary's wage fight set off chain of events

is due to hold an event on Saturday to mark the actions of Cradley Heath's women

chainmakers.
The 1910 Cradley Heath women chainmakers' 'lock-out' strike was a significant step in the development of a universal minimum wage.

minimum wage.

It began in 1903 when Mary
Reid Macarthur was appointed
women's trade union leader and
member of the federation of
women workers. During a visit
to Empire Theatre in Cradley
Heath she saw dreadful poverty
and was shocked by the infant
mortality rate. mortality rate.

mortality rate.

At the time the average woman chain worker was receiving about four to five shillings a week, around one third of a union-affiliated worker's wage and barely enough to provide shelter and cheap coal for their family. In 1906 Charles Dilke

by Tom Mason

proposed the establishment of a trade board that would look into fixing the minimum wage of those women in the 'sweated

those women in the 'sweated trade'.
After years of hard work a government bill was introduced that saw the creation of a wage board headed by a young Winston Churchill and made up of a barrister, six chainmasters and six people to represent the workers. people to represent the workers.

Loophole

Talks got underway and a minimum wage was agreed of two and a half pence per hour for those that worked in the factory and three and a half from those that worked from home.

However employers found a loophole that meant that the wage increase could be held back by nine months, long enough to stockpile chain and then lay off workers, with Mary Macarthur

taking the blame. Enraged Mary organised strikes at chainmak-ers, the first in Graingers Lane. She managed to get wealthy benefactors to donate money to

oeneractors to donate money to continue to pay the women. Among the donors was George Cadbury, a well-known social reformer. He pledged £10 a week to help the action.

The strike began on August 21 and lasted 10 weeks when

The strike began on August 21 and lasted 10 weeks when employers agreed to pay the agreed wage on time. The chain-makers saw an increase of up to 150 per cent in their pay. This event was one of the first assurances of a minimum wage for women workers in British history.

women workers in British history.

The family day at Dudley's Black Country Museum will feature a recreation of the women chainmakers' 10-week strike with a procession of period flags and banners as well as street entertainment.



The national Reynolds Newspaper joined in the lock-out rumpus with this cartoon featuring former slave Booker Washington, who rose to fame as an author and was visiting at the time of the strike





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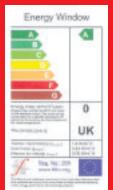
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Last phase of £1m flood defence scheme to start

flood defence scheme on one of Dudley's busiest roads will start this month.

this month.

Work to lay new sewer pipes in Stallings Lane, Kingswinford began in July. An underground flood storage tank is being put in Broadmeadow.

The final stage of work is due to start on October 20 and a section of Stallings Lane between Hinsford Close and the entrance to Francis Catering will be shut from that date. It is expected to reopen by the end of the month and the whole scheme should be completed by mid-November.

It aims to prevent serious flooding in Stallings Lane and Hinsford Close where there were problems in 2002, 2005, 2007 and 2009.

Adam Walker, programme engineer at

Adam Walker, programme engineer at Severn Trent Water, said: "Some of our Severn Trent Water, said: "Some of our sewer pipes have been serving the community for many years now and need replacing. In addition, changes in weather patterns mean our older network of pipes are not large enough to cope with the overwhelming amount of rainfall we now experience, which, at times, causes sewer flooding. "The work on Stalling's Lane is part of a major upgrade to the sewerage system within the Kingswinford area, near Dudley." "We've worked closely with Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council, the emergency services and bus companies so they're aware of the plans. We've also communicated with businesses and residents to try to minimise disruption whilst the work is carried out."

TV and trailer are stolen

A FLAT screen TV and a motorbike trailer, bike parts and tools, were stolen from a house in Kidderminster.

Thieves broke into the home in St Johns Avenue, Blakebrook, between 10am and noon on October 1. A Ford Transit-style van was seen outside the property around the time of the burglary.

Meeting is in the pink



Rose Forrest, consultant breast surgeon Mr Vijay Ganesh and organise Marion Griffiths with members of the Breast Care Group

ore pink clothes for the event.

As well as a meeting of the members at the group's base in Ednam Road, Russells Hall Hospital consultant Vijay Ganesh delivered a talk.

The group, which is cancer!

ered a talk.

The group, which is one of nine cancer bodies at the support organisation, receives around 600 new patients each year.

Trustee and cancer survivor

PINK was the colour of the day for dozens of people raising awareness of breast cancer in Dudley.
Patients and carers at Whitehouse Cancer Support in the town wore pink clothes for the event.

As well as a meeting of the members at the group's base in Ednam Road, Russells Hall Hospital consultant Viiw, Canash daliv.

the help of others, but now I want to help people who were just like me 20 years ago.

"We offer guidance and therapies to help people who have been diag-nosed." For more information on the group, visit the website www.support4cancer.org.uk







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Bond thrill

FILM lovers are invited to beat the crowds by attending a charity screening of the latest James Bond blockbuster Skyfall a day before it

opens.
The black tie screening at the Odeon Cinema, Foregate Street, Worcester on October 25 at 6.45pm will raise funds for the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust and The Prince's Trust.
Nick Balls of the railway.

Nick Ralls of the railway Nick Kalls of the railway said: "The screening promises to be a fun evening of entertainment and supports two excellent causes." Tickets will cost £45 each. To book call 01905 792843.

Bond thrill for film fans Alleyway work is done

has been done - but his family has called for more action to prevent further tragedies.

Dudley Council last week heard trees along the right-of-way off Springfield Grove, Sedgley, had been cut back to improve light-

ing. Shane Watson, aged 23, died of his injuries after being attacked in the alleyway, near to his home, following a night out on July 28. A 3,000-signature petition calling for the right-of-way to be closed off has been submit-

ted to the authority.

And Mr Watson's family is urging the council to straighten out a bend in the alley so users can see all the way along if it cannot

for their views on what should be done with the alleyway. The deadline for responses is set for the end of the month.

Cabinet member for community safety Councillor Judy Foster said: "We are waiting for these responses to come in so we can get a full picture as to the views of residents.

Seriously

"This is an issue we are taking very seriously. All of the responses and suggestions will be taken into account including looking at straightening the alleyway."

Shylon Wishart, aged 19, of North Springfield, and James Cartwright, 18, of Sandyfields Road, both from Sedgley, have been charged with Mr Watson's murder. A trial date has provisionally been set for April 2013.



Shane Watson

Plans to build 40 homes look set to get appoval

PLANS for more than 40 homes where 19th Century inventor and social reformer Sir Rowland Hill was born have been recom-

Rowland Hill was born have been mended for approval.

Developers want to transform the former telephone exchange site in Kidderminster which now stands in the same spot where the creator of the Penny Post lived in Black-

well Street.
Under the plans the building, which has been empty for 12 years, will be converted and extended. But the front, which dates back to the 1930s, with an art-deco staircase and plaque to Rowland Hill, will

Forty-two apartments will be created by developer Blue Square Kidderminster Ltd. The proposals were due to go before coun-

cillors at a but have already been recommended for app-roval by planning officers. Officer Julia Mellor said the proposed scheme would bring "a rundown building which has been the subject of vandalism and has been vacant for 12 years" back into active use.

active use.

The council's conservation officer has also welcomed the proposals, saying: "The retention of the art-deco staircase and imposing facade to Blackwell Street are to be applauded."

For many years developers have mooted proposals to transform the site but none of the schemes have got the nod.

Blue Square Kidderminster Ltd plans to build one and two bedroom apartments as well as studio flats.

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Glamour pusses in tribute to Melaine



From the left, Sarah Cumberlidge, Alison Eccleshall, Gillon Bedward and Sheila Cumberlidge during the Glamour Puss Ball to honour Melaine Gardner

HOSPITAL staff have held a fundraising ball for a colleague who lost her battle against breast cancer.

Melaine Gardner, who worked as a clerical officer in the breast unit at the Birmingham Treatment Centre, was a dedicated fundraiser for Breast Cancer Care and was also

dedicated fundraiser for breast Cancer Care and was also the national face of the charity's campaign to raise awareness about secondary breast cancer.

Melaine, from Handsworth, died last December, leaving daughter Gelana, aged 21, and ten-year-old son Richard.

The Glamour Puss Ball



The Glamour Puss Ball was held in her honour at the Copthorne Hotel, Merry Hill. It was organised by colleagues at Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust.

Colleague Lyn Prime, clerical officer at the breast unit, said: "As Melaine was always immeantletely turned

unit, said: As Meiaine was always immaculately turned out with her nails done we decided to call it the Glamour Puss Ball after her."

Melaine Gardner

£250,000 from the sale of SVR shares

MORE than £250,000 has been raised from the sale of shares in the Severn Valley Railway in just one week, over

joyed bosses say.

The heritage railway is looking to generate up to £3million to fund restoration work and the redevelopment

£3million to fund restoration work and the redevelopment of one of its stations.

Last week, three million shares priced at £1 were made available to raise the money to build the centre, station gateway and spectator gallery at Bridgnorth railway station and to create a heritage engineering and building training

academy.

Further ideas include restoring the Hagley Hall locomo-

Further ideas include restoring the Hagley Hall locomotive – which has not worked for more than 23 years – and carrying out further maintenance to the line and its infrastructure to preserve it for decades to come.

Directors of the railway will be at Kidderminster and Bridgnorth stations to answer questions from potential investors at the annual members and shareholders event this weekend. They will officially launch the share offer document Share the Passion.

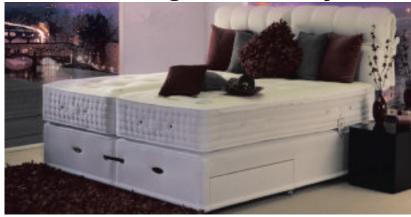
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November 22-25, just in time to buy all of your gifts before the big day. The Chronicle series has teamed up with the organisers to give 20 readers the chance to win a pair of tickets.

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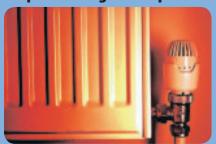


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Gallery plan campaigners set date for

derminster Library's gallery and piano will hold their own public consultation.

They want to persuade Worcestershire County Council to rethink its decision to turn the second-floor gallery into offices for 130 workers

workers. When the move was first announced four months ago, arts and music groups in the town protested, prompting the council to put the plans on hold.

A public consultation was then held by the authority.

Smaller

The council's preferred option for the site is to convert the existing gallery into offices and create a smaller one with meeting rooms on the first floor.

A Steinway grand piano would be moved to the Corn Exchange next to the town

Exchange next to the town hall, but the Friends of Kidderminster Library Gallery want their own consultation will collect from people in the town on October 25.

They have already col-lected a 600-name petition

in support of keeping the second-floor gallery. Campaign secretary Stephen Brown said members were still hopeful they could stop the plans from going ahead.

"The Friends do not accept the council's decision, this fight is far from over, and we intend to carry on and escalate our campaign,"

and escalate our campaign,

The council has said that 65 per cent of people backed the plans during the consul-

But campaigners said only 83 people took part.
The council will now apply for planning permission for the work, which it claims will save £205,000 a year.

will save £205,000 a year.
Libraries chief Councillor
John Campion has previously said: "The reality is
these savings need to be
made and are not going
away – and so we have no
choice but to look at ways of
reducing costs."

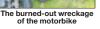
Facebook mother turns detective



Debbie Woodward with the Facebook page she used to track down the stolen motorbike

A MOTHER has used Facebook to turn detective and crack a crime with a dramatic result.

matic result.
When thieves stole Debbie
Woodward's daughter new
motorbike, she turned to the
networking site as a last
resort in tracking it down. A page was set up by a family friend, with photographs of the black Kawasaki, and Mrs



friend, with photographs of the black Kawasaki, and Mrs Woodward waited patiently for news – not holding out any great hopes of recovering her daughter's motorcycle.

But within three-and-a-half hours someone had left comments on the page, saying they had seen a black bike in a nearby park. Mother-of-two Mrs Woodward and her daughter Emma discovered the bike, which was a 30th birthday present, dumped in Silver Jubilee Park, Coseley.

The 51-year-old, who works at the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley, said: "The Facebook page was absolutely wonderful. It was not the outcome we wanted but at least we have got a bit of closure.

"People often criticise these social networking sites but Facebook accomplished something for us in a few hours that would have taken days or weeks the old fashioned way. It also restored my faith in human nature."

The motorbike was taken from outside Mrs Woodward's home in Dalwood Close, Bilston on September 25 in the early morning. It was a Kawasaki ER6n 650, worth £4,500. It was discovered less than a mile away.



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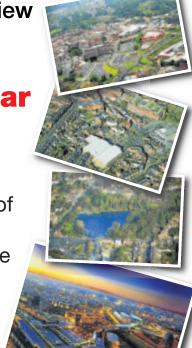
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Experts attack plans by council to level theat

Workers hurt in blaze



The house where two workmen were injured when a fire broke out

TWO workmen were hurt after a blaze ripped through a home in Stourport.

blaze ripped through a home in Stourport.
Neighbours heard a loud bang as the force of the fire blew out some of its downstairs windows. The homeowner, a woman in her 60s, was in the back garden at the time of incident on October 10 but was unhurt. Around 20 firefighters tackled the blaze at the house in Erneley Close. The workmen had managed to get

The workmen had managed to get out and received treatment for smoke inhalation. West Midlar

Midlands Ambulance

Service spokesman John Hawker said one man was treated for burns. Both were transferred to Worcester Royal Hospital. Kidderminster. Crews from were sent to tackle the blaze at 3.10pm.

Two neighbouring houses were

Neighbour Colin Griffiths said:
"We are pleased no-one was more
seriously hurt." Fire investigation teams surveyed the scene.

council plans to demolish the former Dudley Hippodrome for going against government guide-lines.

The Theatres Trust, which acts to pre-serve historic venues, says Dudley Council's actions are at odds with national planning rules safeguarding culturally significant

ruies sareguarding cutturally significant buildings. Campaigners welcomed the intervention saying it added more weight to the fight to save the Castle Hill landmark from being

lost.

Mark Price, the trust's planning and her itage advisor, has objected to the council's application to demolish the theatre to use

application to demolish the theatre to use the land initially for a car park.

He argues the demolition would go against national guidelines which state that the council should, where possible, "guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services", in a letter to the council's planning department.

Mr Price added: "We appreciate that the theatre has been out of strict theatre use for a period of time but as a bingo hall it remained in community and social use.

"There is also local concern about the loss of this venue for community benefit.

"It's important that the needs of the local community are accommodated by the con-

community are accommodated by the continued use of this building for cultural activities. It would retain a sense of tradition and provide the community with a valuable cul-tural asset."

Mr Price said in the letter that the author wir rrice said in the letter that the author-ty should instead be looking to develop the iippodrome as a venue for youth arts activ-ties

Candlelight concert date

TICKETS are on sale for a Christmas by Candlelight concert by Ex Cathedra at St John's Church, Hagley.

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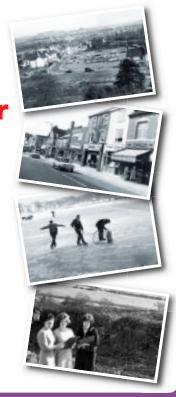
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Council.

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result of a succession of enlargements taking in local communities formerly part of adjoining shire county areas driven by the Whitehall and business led mantra – bigger is better. Today it

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the right framework to deliver implementation expeditiously and efficiently. So, let's go for it and campaign for real change; a downsizing and refocusing of Westminster and Whitehall with their functions and accountability being transferred to a new West Midlands Regional and local community based local government structure. Black Country people don't need an authority to identify with the Black Country, its history and character. GEORGE MORRAN Tipton Road Woodsetton

Electorate have long memories Cameron

SO David Cameron is promising us a Referendum on our relationship with the EU but not until after the next election.

Is this the same promise he made in his election manfesto at the last election and which he promptly broke once elected?

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He obviously considers us with contempt and makes promises he has no intention of keeping and by making these hollow promises the gullible electorate will fall for it.
I will remind him the electorate are not stupid and we do have long memories.
David Cameron talks a good fight but is not prepared to implement what he says and to continually

says and to continually blame the previous Govern-ment for the state we are in is like a stuck record
REG SEGGAR
Swindon

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Angling for repairs to the big potholes

IN these days of officialdom and correctness, I wonder if anyone can inform me, am I covered by my National River Authority fishing licence, to fish in the Dudley borough's pot holes?

Authority fishing licence, to fish in the Dudley borough's pot holes?

Being a keen angler, I have kept an eye on some of the well established ones, that seem to have been there for years, and can report that there is fish life in most of them.

To any anglers, tempted to try their skills, I would advise you to use traffic cones as protection when fishing, and maybe a flashing beacon when night fishing.

The locations of these pot holes, which are fishable, are easily found as they have been circled with a yellow spray paint. However, this may be faded in some cases, as the paint only lasts two years at the most.

So anglers, make sure you have a current licence, cones and shark repellent.

Good luck, tight lines.

ALAN SMITH (AXNUK)

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Lack of growth is affecting the deficit

IT is important to remember the current budget deficit came about because of the collapse in tax revenues following the crash of 2008. Up until that point the UK was running a debt to GDP ratio of about 45 percent

was running a debt to GDP ratio of about 45 percent which is roughly the same as that run by Margaret Thatcher when she was PM. It is simplistic nonsense to suggest that had any other party been in power in 2008 the situation would have been any different.

been any different.

The reason the deficit is not coming down is because we have no growth. Confidence in the UK was killed off by the Chancellor's first budget after the Coalition came to power and has not returned, up until then the economy was growing and economy was growing and borrowing was dropping. STUART TURNER

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Manufacturers' ex-staff reminisce at big reunion





Joyce Taylor from Wall Heath pointing to her father in a picture of Lockerby and Wilkinson staff



12 car and, from the left, Jim Thomas, Janet Garland, witt, Ann Shelley, Audrey Langford and Barrie Shelley

employees of vehicle manufacturer Bean Cars, pump makers Lee Howl, cooker firm Revo and pram company

at the firm. It's amazing how when you

The famous Bean's Foundry at Tipton as the building looked after the Second World War Eric Blewitt, Ann Shelley, Audrey Langford and Barrie Shelley

HUNDREDS of ex-employees from once famous industries came together for a special reunion in the town.

The workers from Tipton reminisced, shared photographs and met familiar faces.
Opening the event at Tipton library was 86-year-old Beatrice Evans, who was Revo company beauty queen from 1943.

Among those who attended were exemployees of vehicle manufacturer Bean Cars, pump makers Lee Howl, and ared memories together of our time at the firm. It's amazing how when you can member so much." Library manager shoet Hazell organised the event, kas an engineer who worked at the firm from 1950 until he was made redundant in 1982.

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Mr Blewitt said: "When I saw Janet I swaling Captain George Eyston's world-land-speed-record car Thunder-form 1943.

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built Bean 12 car

Bean Cars, in Dudley and Tipton, produced cars, lorry engines and vehicle parts from 1919 to 1995.

Its Coseley factory was responsible for making Captain George Eyston's world-land-speed-record car Thunderbolt, which took the record in 1937.

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VIDEO GAMES

It's a blast back on the Borderlands 2

developers Gearbox unleashed Borderlands, a hybrid first-person shooter and role-playing game set on a highly inhos-pitable planet.

pitable planet.

It was a stylish romp, borrowing elements from Mad Max, Star Wars and spaghetti westerns.

The sequel has just been released and it more than lives up to expectations, making the story deeper, enhancing character capabilities and providing a playing zone that is much bigger.

Publisher 2K's original game took around 20 hours to complete, Borderlands 2 will detain gamers for a lot longer.

Humour

Most importantly, it also maintains the distinctive Borderlands animated graphic novel look and keeps the strong humour element. The latter is mainly down to battered 'bot Claptrap, a manically chirpy cousin to Wall-E and R2D/2.

Wall-E and R2D2.
After a delirious Tarantino-style (re)introduction to the barren world of Pandora, the player can choose one of four characters and customise them. ters and customise them. Each is a vaulthunter, on Pandora to search for a huge cache of the priceless alien



Oh bully bully, Salvador – one of the four 'vaulthunters' you can play as – runs into some trouble with the Icoal wildlife (bullymongs) on planet Pandora in Borderlands 2

mineral Eridium

mineral Eridium.
Determined to stop you is
Handsome Jack, boss of the
Hyperion Corporation who
wants to keep the valuable
mineral in company hands.
He puts every bounty
hunting bandit on Pandora
on your tail. And if they
don't get you, then maybe
the fierce local wildlife will,
such as the Abominable
Snowmen-like Bullymongs.
If you like questing and
blasting, Borderlands 2 is a
must. And whilst it is highly
playable in single-player

must. And whilst it is highly playable in single-player mode, it is even more fun in co-op mode which allows up to four to team-up online.

Reviewed on Xbox 360, Borderlands 2 is also available for PS3 and PC.

10/13/30

Sleeping Dogs (18)

Sleeping Dogs (18)
THIS Chinese twist on Mafia role play from United Front and Square Enix has been topping the charts.
You play as Wei Shen, a kung fü kicking undercover cop infiltrating a Triad gang in Hong Kong. There is lots of violent action and brutal, expletive-strewn language.
The graphics look good, especially the neon-lit city streets. There are flaws but the fast pace of the game makes them easy to overlook. It starts with a flourish as you have to dash through kitchens and clamber onto roof tops to dodge the cops.
It's on X360, P3 and PC platforms.

platforms.
Worms Collection (12)

NOSTALGIA will be a major NOSTALCHA WIII be a major reason for purchasing this triple bill of titles originally available on Xbox LIVE Arcade. Includes the origi-nal 2D Worms, Worms 2 Armageddon and 3D cartoon craziness of Worms Ultimate Mayhem. The puzzle featuring wacky worms and explosive sheep was first a hit in the '90s. For X360 and

Skyrim: Hearthfire

A downloadable X360 extra for Bethesda's brilliant dragon fantasy allows you to make your own home and family in Skyrim, when you would rather just have another exciting quest. Leon Burakowski

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home improvements, renovations or adaptations.

The service has been developed specifically to help older people who own their homes but who may be struggling to improve or maintain them as a result of a low income or to improve or manian item as a result of a low income or simply because it presents too much of a challenge to them. It offers practical advice and guidance, as well as support with organising suitable finance through independent financial advice. A range of loans specially developed for older people are available, including some with no monthly

During a free home visit, the work that is needed is discussed with an experienced council officer. A home visit from an independent financial advisor is also offered if required. Here advice is available on the best financial product to suit the individual's own circumstances.

individuals own circumstances.

A complete project management service is also available to all customers, whether finance is being arranged or not. Here staff will organise and manage all of the building or improvement works on the customer's behalf to make the experience as stress free as possible.

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, cabinet member for housing, libraries and the lawering as presented.

libraries and adult learning comments:
"I would encourage homeowners across Dudley borough, who are over 55 and are thinking about home improvements, adaptations or modernisation to contact the Dudley home improvement service for advice and support.
"This free service aims to help older people continue living

independently in warm, safe, secure and well maintained

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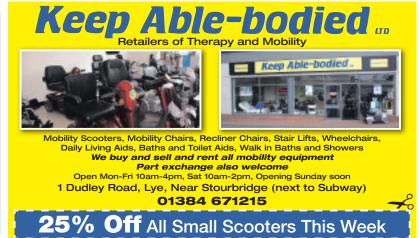
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CLUB NEWS

National Rain fails to dampen Service is talk topic Botanical Gardens trip

PENN TOWNSWOMEN

CHAIRMAN CHAIRMAN Ursula McInnes welcomed every-one back after the summer break. After the Guild Busi-ness, she introduced Sue Clegg a retired police officer specialising in fingerprints. It takes five years training

It takes five years training and every print is unique. She helped to identify the victims of the tsunami and because other countries keep records of their population's fingerprints, many more of their victims were able to be identified as opposed to British victims. It was also intriguing how some crimes are solved by the tiniest bit of evidence. The social evening was a

The social evening was a Beetle Drive, always good fun. For the social studies Ed

fun. For the social studies Ed Shore gave an amusing and anecdotal talk asking whether National Service should be brought back. After the Second World War, most young men reach-ing 18 were called up for National Service. Some got deferred to 21 because they were serving an apprentice-ship or were at university. were serving an apprenticeship or were at university.
He told how young innocent
lads, most of whom had
never been away from home,
were sent to square-bashing
camps for the first six weeks.
They were then sent on
training for an occupation
usually totally opposite to
what they were doing before
being called up.
October 24 is an Autumn
Supper for members only.
Meetings are held at Penn
United Community Hall,
Penn Road at 7.30pm.

The Loudon Terrace at Birmingham Botani
MEMBERS of MyTime Over Fifties had a
busy September with a Sunday lunch, visits
to Broughton Castle near Banbury, Bristol
and the Botanical gardens in Birmingham.
This visit was very successful, a gentle walk
round, beautiful planting to admire, lunch
in the excellent café and the usual rain – but
only at the end of the visit.

Ms Valerie Williams was September's
speaker. Valerie is a reflexologist and her
passion for this shone throughout her excellent talk. Many of the members and visitors
had heard of reflexology but were not fully
aware of its uses as a complementary

MYTIME OVER FIFTIES

therapy in the fight for good health and

therapy in the fight for good health and fitness.

Valerie trained at Halesowen College and is also qualified in Indian head massage. The audience was very interested in her talk and thanks was gratefully given.

Meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 2pm in the Amblecote room at Stourbridge Town Hall.On October 24 Sheena Williams asks "When Should You Start Considering Care?"

Bear facts about arctophile

IT was a busy summer with an outing to the Black Country Museum in July, a walk followed by fish and chip supper in August and a visit to Stokesay Court and Ludlow in September.
Following the business the September meeting was entitled "Come for a Hug".
Gaynor Woodward is an arctophile, ie a collector of bears. She brought with her

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a selection of bears which she had made, and everyone was invited to hug a bear. Gaynor makes bears from

Gaynor makes bears from different fabrics, mohair being the most expensive at £140 a metre. She is now using manmade fabrics because of the cost. The

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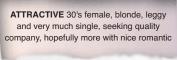
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CLARE good looking, beautiful blonde, seeks male for fun and friendship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 378209 🗒

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YVONNE lonely 32yr old single mum of one, slim, brown hair, WLTM discreet male for mutual attention without complications. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 395027

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STACEY young 20yr old looking for fun. Call me to find out more. Status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 382091 🖁

JANE 46, single mum, N/S, romantic, likes dancing, nights out, music, seeking male, 40-50 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 380591 🗒

CURVY red haired female, been hurt in the past seeks older male to buy her flowers and mend her broken heart. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 377432 @

FUN loving lady, outgoing, honest, caring, likes socialising, seeks older male, 50-70. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 383325 🖞

LADY widow, 58, slim, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks smart, intelligent, easygoing man with GSOH who enjoys conversations, days out, short breaks, meals out. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 387247

SALLY slim attractive feisty redhead, intelligent, easygoing, WLTM similar male for friendship and more, looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 393469

MADDIE extremely passionate female 37, seeks reliable male to enjoy the finer things in life and tactile relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 394565 🖲

PAULINE divorced female on the wrong side of 40 looking for adult fun with easygoing highly driven man if you get my drift? Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 394463 ₿

SLIM male, seeks lady 35-45, size 12-18, GSOH for friendship, possible relations Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 394591

ANNA 29yr old nurse, 6ft curvy auburn beauty, likes cosy nights in, genuinely seeking older, well built male to look after, 40-69yrs. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 375139

GENUINE female, 36, brunette, blue eyes, 5ft 7ins. fun, outgoing, adventurous, GSOH, Tins, fun, outgoing, adventurous, GSOH, looking for tall, honest, genuine male for good companion, dates and romance. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 388327 🖁

SHAPELY attractive, light skinned black female 39 seeks attractive fit male 30's builder type, tanned, rugged for relations Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 231152

SLIM attractive, self sufficient lady, 44, GSOH, seeks special male, 35-50 to share evening in/out, theatre, possible relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 351813 ∰

FEMALE kind, giving, thoughtful, sensitive, seeks lifetime friend to love and understand me for who I am. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 350397

FRIENDLY black female, attractive, 46, single mum, professional, seeks attractive, solvent, trendy, professional, genuine male for LTR. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 349865

HELEN 34yr old single mum slim intelligent seeks nice male for adult companionship with good potential for a great relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 394121 🗓

PATRICIA 5ft 5ins, red hair, blue eyes, likes nights out, meals, clubs, seeking nice young man who is kind, generous to look after me Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 378207 🗒

ATTRACTIVE slim blonde, 45, seeks honest, caring, genuine male, 45-55 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 349651

OUTGOING sociable young female, 33, average looks, likes pubs, clubs, bowling, cinema, seeks gent, 33-45. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 362769 🗒

FEMALE likes meals out, cinema, nights in, seeks male for fun and friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 361871 🗒

72YR old widower, smart, likes travel conversation, dancing, cooking, missing that special man in her life who is easygoing and N/S. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 349265

ATTRACTIVE Tall, black female, 51, 6ft, slimmedium build, kind, honest, considerate, own home, seeks genuine, tall, faithful, 6ft plus male, 45-70 with own home for serious relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 349211

MICHELLE black British, 30, curvy, slim, size 12, 5ft 5ins, sociable, friendly, understanding, loving, seeks male, 30-36 to enjoy romantic nights. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No:

LADY 76, N/S, caring, respectable, WLTM gentleman, 70-76 for outings, holidays, day trips and friendship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 340021

ATTRACTIVE glamorous, black female, young 44, seeks male for friendship/dating and LTR. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No:

SARAH 38, slim, nice looking, tactile, no ties, WLTM kind, loving male to enjoy affectionate relationship. Any age/looks. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 378483

LYNN 37 single mum, petite slim and very pretty, seeking caring funny guy to be with and become my Mr Wonderful. Dads welcome. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 386633 ₿

MORAG 21yr old attractive dark haired student nurse, new to area and very lonely seeks mature male for mutual companionship Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 391087

BLONDE tanned female, trendy, 46, GSOH, likes walks, pubs, nights in, seeks male. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 384852 🗎

LOVING caring young 67yr old female, 2ins, slim size 12, brown hair, likes meals of GSOH, smoker, seeks slim, smart male w GSOH, 58-62. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 364651 €

33YR old black haired, medium built, 5ft 3ins female seeking soul mate. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 389799

MARIA 38, blonde, 5ft 5ins, caring, likes nights in/out, seeks caring male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 329319 🗃

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ROY 62, tall, fit, loyal, N/S, looking for that special lady. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 397637 ₿

INDIAN male, UK born, seeks white English female, 35-45 to enjoy life with. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 397509

JAMES 56, 5ft 9ins, professional, OHAC, independent, no ties, seeking loving relationship with likeminded woman. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 397473 🖲

57YR old male, good looking, seeking female for fun times and nights in. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 397463

59YR old male, 5ft 8ins, seeks younger lady for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392908 ₿

IAN 44, single dad, loving, caring, honest, seeks similar female, 30-45 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392874 🗒

WEST Midlands single guy 60, strong, WLTM affectionate lady, your place or mine for uncommitted enjoyment. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396807 ₿

BRIAN 60's, ordinary man, strong needs seeks affectionate lady for close friendship Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396765

JOE 45, GSOH, attractive, medical professional, seeks female for daytime fun and friendship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396671 ₿

SINGLE dad, 39, on a budget, seeking an outgoing, fun female. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 393012 🗒

42YR old single dad, nice looking, genuine, honest, seeking special female. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396611 ₿

HEREFORD male, 46, looking for single lady, slim, attractive, adventurous for fun and good times. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396705 🖁

32YR old slim, dark haired male, adventurous, creative, likes music, walks, cycling, photography, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 352753 ₿ ₩

39YR old single dad, likes cosy nights in, seeks single, slim lady for fun relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396061 €

CLIVE 46, seeking hot chick for plenty of action. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No:

JOSEPH 40 tall, GSOH, seeks female, 26-48 for fun and relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 394103 🗒 TIGER Woods lookalike, seeks big beautiful woman for fun and games. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 393737 🖁

MALE 70's widow, kind, honest, caring, likes socialising, holidays, nights in/out, seeks loving female for respectful, caring relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 393559

MALE 50, medium build, likes socialising nights out, clubs, seeks female with simila interests. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No 397355

JOHN 44, seeks black/Asian female, 25-65 for daytime/evening meets, looks/size unimportant. Can travel only. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 397339

ATTRACTIVE male, 55, seeks older female, 50-70 for close, adult fun. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 397189 ₿

STRICTLY come dancing. Male 52, trendy, honest, caring, down to earth, fun loving, seeks petite lady, 45-54. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 397163 🖲

JIMMY 53 good looking, fit, genuine, honest, very loving and looking for the same in a woman. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 397157 ∰

GENUINE male, 43, brown eyes, 5ft 10ins. outgoing, adventurous, seeks slim-average build female, 30-40. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396289 €

GOOD looking 48yr old male, GSOH, honest, caring, loyal, hurt in past, looking for loving female. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 394159 🗒

PROFESSIONAL male, 42, hurt in past seeks female, 32-40. Single mum welcome Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392769 ₿

NAUGHTY 40 something, tall, smart, GSOH, seeks lady for rainy days and Sundays. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392665 🗎

TOM 62, fit, likes tennis, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392659 ₽

MALE 38, seeks female, any age for daytime fun. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392645 🗓

GOOD looking 39yr old male, likes pubs music, walks, swimming, seeks nice female Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392943 €

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seeks female, slim-medium build, single mum welcome. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396709 🗓

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GAY male, 34, slim, toned, seeking older guy for fun, friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 395735 🗒

BI male, divorced, young, fit 50, own home/business, seeks male, 18-45 for good times. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 391849 🔋

MALE 58, youthful, serene nature understanding, loyal, honest, seeks simila mature female for everlasting relationship. Te No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 391833

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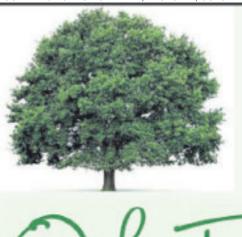
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It also features former Hollyoaks actor Gerard McCarthy, who is in forth-coming BBC thriller The Fall, and National Theatre actor Oliver Wilson. Christo-

What's On! Stourbridge

Centre's treat for the family

A SAFE version of trick or treat is being offered by Stourbridge's Ryemarket shopping centre on October

Youngsters and parents can enjoy a day of spooky storytelling, follow a trick or treat trail round the centre and find out more about exotic creatures in a creepy crawly roadshow put on by Dudley-based Animal Antics, starting at 10am.

Centre manager Kelley Dyas said: "Children and their parents can dress up to take part."

Storytime sessions will

to take part."
Storytime sessions will be at 10.30am, 11.45am and 1.45pm with trick or treat trails at 11am,1pm and 2.30pm and a wizard on stilts performing between 11am and 4pm.

Orchestra plea

RISING stars of the comedy scene will be in Wolverhampton this autumn.

Leading the way are podeast and Edinburgh Festival sensations, Wolverhampton's own Pappy's.

The trio's latest series of sketches looks back at Pappy's Last Show Ever. It's at Wolverhampton Slade Rooms on Saturday, October 27. Despite the title, it will not be the last of Pappy's, as they a creating a TV sit-com for BBC3.

Frisky and Mannish, who A CHOIR and orchestra are urgently appealing for oboe players to join them. Stourbridge Choir and Orchestra rehearses on Mondays at the Unicorn Centre, Brettell Lane, Amblecote, at 7.30pm.
The next concert is on December 8 at St Michael's Church, Norton, featuring Frisky and Mannish, who

Church, Norton, featuring Strauss waltzes, The Night Before Christmas Suite by Rimsky-Korsakov and the Radetzky March. Fo details call 01384 373111. For

Classic Merseyside musical is back by popular demand

ONE of the nation's all-time favourite musicals, Blood Brothers, returns to the West Midlands next week.

Willy Russell's Liverpudlian blend of comedy and tragedy about ill-fated twins divided by class and opportunity has been running in the West End for more than 20 years. There has also been several highly successful touring productions. The key role of Scouse matriarch Mrs Johnstone has been

Last show is

iust a start

Frisky and Mannish, who twist pop music to their own comic ends, are at the Wulfrun Hall for Extra-Curricular Activities on Thursday, November 1. The undefinable Paul Foot brings his musings to the Slade Rooms on November 16.

played by Barbara Dickson, Stephanie Lawrence, Helen Reddy, Lyn Paul, several Nolan sisters and former Spice Girl Melanie Chisholm.

Hippodrome

In recent years the role has become associated with Tamworth singer and actress Niki Evans, who was a finalist in 2007's The X Factor, and will be returning to the role at Birmingham Hippodrome from Monday October 22, to Saturday

October 22, to Saturday, November 3. Fresh from performing in the West End production, former Wet Wet wet pop star Marti Pellow will be in the role of the Narrator.

A blend of cheeky humour A blend of cheeky humour and hard-hitting drama, the award-winning Blood Broth-ers has one of the most dra-matic finales in any musical.

The score includes Marilyn Monroe, Bright New Day and the emotional Tell Me It's Not True.



Plenty is laid on for the half term

for the half term

A PACKED programme of activities will keep youngsters busy at Dudley Leisure Centre.
Staff at the centre in Wellington Road are running sessions suitable for eight to 14-year-olds 9-4pm in half term week.
It includes football, dance mats, Nintendo Wiis, multi-skill activities, Tshirt design and trixter bikes.
Sessions cost £10 per day for each child and a 50 per cent discount is available with an Options+leisure discount card.
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Table-top bazaar

A CHRISTMAS table-top bazaar will take place at a village hall near Stour-

village hall near Stour-bridge on December 1. Margaret Rogers, a trustee at Stourton Village Hall, will host the event to raise funds for the building's upkeep. She is appealing for people to book a table. Stall-holders can set up from 9am and doors open at 9.30am. Tables cost

at 9.30am. Tables cost £10. Call Mrs Rogers on 01384 872073.

Bash for Beacon

A CHARITY Halloween bash is being staged at Gornal British Legion, Ruiton Street, on October 26 at 7.30pm. It is raising money for Sedgley's Beacon Centre for the Blind. Tickets at £5 for adults and £2.50 are available from Karen Gullick at the Beacon Centre



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SATURDAY'S TV 20.10.12

CHOICE



Casualty BBC1, 9.10pm

It's a disastrous day for Zoe. One minute she is doing her shopping, the next she's struggling to deal with a suspected E-coli outbreak when shop-worker Simon collapses. To make matters worse, she's nearly run down by an elderly driver seeking help for his sick wife, and Ms Hanna's TV interview regarding the outbreak is taken out of context, creating bad blood for the staff. Meanwhile, a young lad merrily playing in a bottling factory has a narrow escape when he gets his hand caught in a conveyor belt. Sunetra Sarker heads the cast.

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Nigellissima. (R) 12.00 BBC News: Regional News: Weather. 12.15 Football Focus. 1.00 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.30 Racing from Ascot. 4.30 Final Score. 5.20 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 5.40 Pointless Celebritles.

Celebrities. Weather 5.40 Follmess
6.30 Strictly Come Dancing. The Celebrities was the colebrity couples take their inspiration from the silver screen in this movie-themed show, with the judges deciding who is a blockbuster and who is a box-office flop. The results box-office flop. The results as box-office flop. The results as box-office flop. The results as the control of the colebrities of the colebrities

9.10 Casualty. Zoe struggles to deal with the fallout of a suspected E-coli outbreak and Dylan is touched by an elderly patient who has lost his beloved wife.

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10.00 The National Lottery.
Saturday Night Draws.
Myleene Klass presents live
from National Lottery HQ as
the all-important winning
numbers are revealed.
Includes the results of the
Lotto and Thunderball

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10.30 Match of the Day, Gary Lineker presents highlights of today 8 Premier League clashes, which included Tottenham Hotspur v Chelsea at White Hart Lane and Manchester Unafford; National Lottery Update.

12.00 Tip Earth VIII Jaryes Show.

12.00 The Football League Show 1.20 Weatherview. 1.25 BBC New

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 12.05 Film: Apache Territory. (1958) 1.15 Film: The Deadly Companions. (1961) 2.45 Live International Rugby League. 5.00 Wartime Farm.

Presenter Jules Hudson helps a newly married couple find their dream home in the Shropshire countryside on a

min their dream home in the Shropshire countryside on a budget of £400,000. (R)

6.30 Flog II Paul Martin visits Weymouth, Dorset, to meet people eager to sell their antiques at auction. He also discovers various uses for the Isle of Portland's famous stone. (R)

Maid in Britain. Exploring the portrayals of domestic servants on TV, asking why butlers, cooks and nanies are still found in programmes after the decline of their roles in real life. (R)

8.30 Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring lets Frazer take charge of the platoon, gambling that a taste of authority will give him a more responsible attitude. (R)

9.00 QIXL. Stephen Fry hosts an

sible attitude. (R)

9.00 QI XL. Stephen Fry hosts an extended version of the quiz, with Jack Whitehall, Jimmy Carr, Cal Whison and Alan Davies answering flendish questions about Joints, post of the political comedy. Politicians from both sides of the political comedy. Politicians from both sides of the House are under pressure as they appear before an inquiry into the suicide of the key-worker.

10.45 Film: Kill Bill: Vol. 1, (2003)

the sucide of the key-vorker 10.45 Film: Kill Bill: Vol 1. (2003) Martial arts thriller, starring Uma Thurman. 12.30 How the Brits Rocked America: Go West. 1.30 Film: Darkness. (2002) 3.05 Close.

6.00 CITV: CITV. 9.25 ITV News 6.00 CITV: CITV. 9.25 ITV News.
9.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.
10.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.
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11.20 Dinner Date: Australia. 12.15
ITV News; Weather. 12.25 All Star
Family Fortunes. (R) 1.25 Film:
Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot.
(1992) 3.00 Film: Star Was:
Episode III – Revenge of the Stitt.
(2005) 5.35 Regional Programme;
Weather.5.50 ITV News; Weather.
6.05 New You've Been Framed!
Comedian Harry Hill narrates
a fresh selection of comical
clips filmed by viewers on
their camcorders, mobile

their camcorders, mobile phones and webcams.

6.35 Fool Britannia. Hidden-camera pranks, with Dom Joly. Last in the series.

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Take Me Out. A plasterer
from Sheffield, an Essex
student, a van driver from
Birmingham and a London
furniture designer try to
impress 30 single women
and win a date. Paddy
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The X Factor. The third live
studio round, with the four
judges and voting public
alike eager to experience
more barnstorming vocal
performances by the
contestants. Dermot O'Leary
hosts. The results are
tomorrow at 8pm.

10.20 The Jonathan Ross Show.
With David Mitchell, Bradley Cooper, Steven Tyler, Joe Perry and Emeli Sande. Last in the series.

11.20 ITV News; Weathe

11.2011V News; Weather.
11.35 Film: Jarhead. (2005) Gulf
War drama, starring Jake
Gyllenhaal.
1.45 The Store. ITV News
Headlines. 3.00 Ladette to Lady:
Australia. (R) 3.50 Nightscreen.
5.30 ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 British Formula Foot. 7.25 Freesports on 4. (R) 7.55 The Morning Line, 8.25 Expension (R) 8.25 Expens

retand. 3.25 come Dine with Me: Ireland.
6.25 Channel 4 News.
7.00 Comedy World Cup. David Tennant hosts the second semi-final, which sees Jason Manford, Paul Chowdhry and Nicholas Parsons facing off against Omid Djallil, Daniel Sloss and Joe Pasquale.
8.00 The Million Pound Drop Live. Davina McCall presents the quiz show in which contestants can will Similion, but lose money for giving incorrect answers.
9.15 Fig. The Saring of Pelham

9.15 Film: The Taking of Pelham
123. (2009) Premiere.
Criminals hijack a New York
subway train and threaten to
kill the passanger unless kill the passengers unless they are paid \$10million. Thriller remake, with Denzel Washington

Washington.

11.20 Film: High Crimes. (2002) A leading attorney fights to leading attorney fights to prove her husband's innocence after the military accuse him of killing villagers in El Salvador. Thriller starring Ashley Judd. 30 Hollyoaks. 3.40 Emily's Song. R) 3.55 Deal or No Deal. (R) 4.50 ountdown. (R) 5.35 Baking Mad vith Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshakel 10.00 Power Rangers Samural 10.30 Batman: The Brave and the Bold. 11.00 Dallas. (R) 11.55 CSI: NY. (R) 12.50 CSI: NY. (R) 1.45 Flim: Murder Among Friends. (2001) Detective thriller, starring Greg Evigan. 3.30 Flim: Deadly Honeymoon. (2010) Mystery. 10.00 Myste grabbing cattle baron and a grabbing cattle baron and a ranching family. Western, with John Wayne and Robert Mitchum.

John Weyne and Robert Mitchum.
7.50 Film: The Devi's Brigate.
(1988) Elite Canadian troops are forced to work with American convicts on a mission in the Norwegian mountains. Adventure, starring William Holden and Cliff Robertson.

10.20 CSI: Miami. Horatio and the team investigate the murder sorroffly and suspect a third woman, who was humiliated years earlier by the victims. Guest starring Bo Derek.

11.15 CSI: Crime Scene

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11.15 CSI: Crime Scene
Investigation. Three
tenagers are murdered
while putting up posters to
promote hip-hop star Dollar,
raising fears that competition
between rival rappers has
taken on a deadly dimension.

(R)

(R)
12.10 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. 4.00 House Doctor. Home improvements. (R) 4.25 Divine Designs. British religious art. (R) 4.50 Rough Guide to Islands. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshakel Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. Mr Carburettor wants to be more modern. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 World's Craziest Fools 7.30 Match of the Day Live: Women's International Football. France v England (Kick-off 7.50pm). 10.00 Live at the Apollo 10.30 Russell Howard's Good News Extra 11.15 Family Guy

BBC Four
7.00 Human Planet 8.00 Horizon:
Global Weirding 9.00 Inspector
Montalbano 10.45 The Fintal
Frontier? A Horizon Guide to the
Universe 11.45 Order and Disorder
with Jim Al-Khalili
TV2
3.10 The Hit Factory: The Stock
Aitken & Waterman Story 4.10 The
X Factor USA 6.10 Film: Mr Bean's
Holiday (2007) 8.00 Film: Back to
the Future Part III (1990) 10.20 The
Xtra Factor 11.20 Take Me Out —
The Gossip

3.50 Agatha Christie's Poirot 6.00 Murder, She Wrote 7.00 Foyle's War 9.00 Endeavour 11.05 Film: Arthur 2: On the Rocks (1988)

17V4
2.30 Film: Support Your Local
Sheriff (1989). 4.25 British
Superbike Championship Highlights
6.00 Superbikes — When Britain
Ruled the World 7.00 The Sweeney
8.00 Minder 9.00 Film: Highlander
(1986) 11.20 Film: Midnight Run
(1988)

4.20 Rules of Engagement 5.20 Baggage 6.25 The Big Bang Theory 7.50 Suburgatory 8.20 Film: Jumper (2008) 10.00 Film: 28 Weeks Later (2007)

3.15 James and the Giant Peach (1996) 4.50 The Nutty Professor (1963) 7.00 Drillbit Taylor (2008) 9.00 In Her Shoes (2005) 11.35 Final Destination 3 (2006)

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SUNDAY'S TV 21.10.12

CHOICE



Holly Willoughby

Surprise Surprise

ITV1, 7pm Holly Willoughby will be giving members of the public the biggest surprise of their lives as Cilla Black's classic show returns, minus the flame-haired diva herself. We have been promised a number of tearjerking surprises and dramatic family reunions as Holly and guests help make some dreams of a lifetime come true. In the opener, a soldier faces his biggest fear, and a friend gives his best mate the gift of life. The Saturdays surprise a devoted fan and a couple are reunited with something very special after more than four

BBC₁

6.00 Breakfast, 7.30 Match of the Day, (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. 11.00 Sunday Politics. 12.15 Exiled: The Ugandan Asian Story. 12.45 Country Tracks. (R) 1.40 Barqain Hunt. (R) 2.40 Escape to the Country, (R) 3.25 Nature's Miracle Babies, (R) 4.25 Lifeline. 4.35 Points of View. 4.50 Songs of Praise. 5.30 Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day, (R) 6.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

- 6.20 Countryfile. The campaign to save Beachy Head lighthouse's red and white lightho stripes
- 7.20 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Two more couples performs the dance-off, and Dionne Warwick sings.
- Dionne Warwick sings.

 8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The experts return to Port Sunlight on the Wirral, where objects include a stash of advertising signs found on a tip, a religious painting and part of an Apollo spaceship. Red button viewers can play along by guessing the valuations.
- Andrew Marr's History of the World. The growth in trade and the spread of capitalism
- capitalism. 10.00 BBC News; Regional News;
- 10.25 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Sunderland v Newcastle United.
- 11.25 The Graham Norton Show.

(t) 12.10 Film: Drop Dead Gorgeous. (1999) 1.40 Weatherview. 1.45 Sign Zone: The Choir: Sing While You Work. (R) 2.45 Holby City. (R) 3.45 The Paradise. (R) 4.45 BBC

RRC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 Live MotoGP. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.30 The Great British Bake Off; (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.35 MotoGP. (R) 2.05 Triathlon. 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.30 Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve. (R)

- Reeve. (R) Cearmy Mind Inflored (R) Cearmy Mind Shall goes behind Syblis back to save behind Syblis back to save behind Syblis back to save attended to the total syblis back to save attended to the hotel but ends up paying dearly for his underhand tactics. John Cleese stars. (R) 7.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May try to go motor racing for less than it costs to play golf. With rock star Släsh and F1 driver Kimil Raikkonen. Last in the series. (R)
- (R)

 8.00 Secret Universe: The Hidden Life of the Cell. Documentary showing what happens to a single human cell as it comes under attack from a virus, demonstrating how it defends itself from the
- now it detends itself from the hostile organism. David Tennant narrates.

 9.00 Dragons' Den. Ideas and products being pitched to the panel include an online store for second-hand goods, a horror-themed paintball experience and date.
- horror-themed paintball
 experience and a darts
 invention.

 10.00 You've Been Trumped.
 Documentary about
 homeowners taking on
 American billionaire Donald
 Trump's plans to build a huge golf resort on an environmentally sensitive site in Aberdeenshire.
- 11.30 Hebburn. (R)
 12.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks.
 (R) 12.30 Film: Scenes of a Sexual Nature. (2006) 2.00 BBC News.

ITV1

6.00 CITV- CITV. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 House Gift. (R) 10.25 There's No Taste Like Home. (R) 11.25 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 12.25 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 13.00 The FACUP. Draw 2.00 The Yactor. (R) 4.00 The Home of Fabulious Cakes. 5.00 Downton Abbey. (R) Carolle Country 10.00 Cuntil The owners of a beach cafe prepare a seafood paella. (R)

- 6 30 Regional Programme; Weather.
- 6.45 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Surprise Surprise Surprise Surprise. New series. Holly Willoughby takes over hosting duties from Cilla Black in the return of the show that makes dreams come true. Featuring the Saturdays and Jenson
- 8.00 The X Factor Results.

 Dermot O'Leary announces the outcome of the viewers' phone-in and the two least popular acts have to sing for survival.
- survival

 9.00 Downton Abbey. Tempers fray as a kind gesture by Isobel backfires, Mary fights Branson's corner when his decisions are put under scrutiny and Robert and Cora's relationship suffers.

 10.05 ITV News; Weather.

 10.20 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Felicity Kendal. The actress talks about her eventile personal life. (R)

 11.20 Strictly Kosher. Conclusion.
- 11.20 Strictly Kosher. Conclusion.
 Bernette Clarke talks about
- Bernette Clarke talks about the Jewish mourning period. 12.15 The Store. ITV News Headlines. 2.15 British Superbike Championship Highlights. 3.30 Motorsport UK. 4.20 Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10
The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Channel 4 Presents – Hannah. (R) 7.05 Terrex Alonah. (R) 7.05 Terrex Alonah. (R) 7.05 Terrex Alonah. (R) 9.00 Frasis (R) 9.30
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Bang Theory (R) 12.25 The Bing Bang Theory (R) 12.25 The Bing Bang Theory (R) 12.55 The Simpsons. (R) 1.25 The Simpsons. (R) 1.25 The Simpsons. (R) 1.50 Time Star Trek: Insurrection. (1988) 3.50 Deal or No Deal. 4.50 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.55 Channel 4 News. 6.00 Film: Insheart. (2008)

- 55 Channel 4 News.
 Film: Inkheart. (2008)
 Premiere. A man able to
 bring books to life
 accidentally lets a fictional
 villain into the real world. Fantasy adventure, starring Brendan Fraser, Andy Serkis and Helen Mirren.
- 8.00 How Britain Worked. New series. Engineering enthusiast Guy Martin celebrates the workers of the Industrial Revolution by re-creating some of the 19th century's most impressive technical achievements.
- 9.00 Homeland. Carrie prepares for what she hopes is a triumphant return to the CIA, while Brody learns the Gettysburg bomb-maker is on a terrorist watch list.
- 10.00 Friday Night Dinner. Mum and Dad are not on speaking
- and Dad are not on speaking terms after an argument.

 10.30 Film: Ghost. (1990) A murdered executive's spirit enlists the help of a fake psychic to help his girffriend bring his killer to justice. Romantic fantasy, starring Demi Moore.
- 12.55 American Football Live. 4.45 Brief Encounters of the Sporting Mind. (R) 4.50 Grudge Match. (R) 5.00 Countdown. (R) 5.45 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

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CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05
Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi
and the Flowertots. (R) 6.25 Bert
and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R)
6.35 The Mr Men Show. (R) 6.45
Castle Farm. (R) 6.50 Abby's Piying
Fairy School. (R) 7.00 Roobarb and
Custard Too. (R) 7.10 Bananas in
Pyjamas. (R) 7.25 Play! (R) 7.30
Noddy in Toyland. (R) 7.45 City of
Friends. (R) 7.55 Little Princess.
(R) 8.10 The Adventures of Bottle
Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky.
(R) 8.25 Angelina Ballerina. 8.45
Rupert Beat (R) 9.00 Beand
Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) 9.35
Roary the Racing Car. (R) 9.45
Jelly Jamm. (R) 10.00 Creat
Birmingham Run. 12.00 Looney
Tunes. (R) 12.05 Highland Noary tie Hading Caf. (h) 9-49. Jelly Jamm. (R) 10.00 Great Birmingham Run. 12.00 Looney Tunes. (R) 12.05 Highland Emergency. (R) 12.35 Cowboy Builders. (R) 1.35 Film: Fun with Dick and Jane. (2005) 3.20 Film: Sleepless in Seattle. (1993) 5.20 Film: Dumbo. (1994) 6.45 6.45 5 News Weekend. 6.50 Film: U-571. (2000) American forces board a Nazi submarine in the hope of seizing an Enigma coding machine. Second World War adventure, starring Matthew McConaughey. 9.00 Film: The Book of Eli.

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 900 Film: The Book of Eli.
 (2009) Premiere. A man
 travels across a postapocalyptic America carrying
 a book believed to hold the
 key to mankind's future. Action adventure, with Denzel Washington.
- 11.20 Film: Collateral Damage. (2002) Action thriller, with Arnold Schwarzenegger.
- Arnold Schwarzenegger.

 1.30 SuperCasino. 4.00 The FBI
 Files. (R) 4.45 Rough Guide To. (R)
 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The
 Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas
 & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the
 Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

7.00 Re Your Own Boss 8.00 Gavin & Stacey 9.00 Sun, Sex and Suspicious Parents 10.00 American Dad! 10.45 Family Guy 11.25 Cuckoo 11.55 Russell Howard's Good News

7.00 The Grammar School: A

7.00 The Grammar School: A Secret History 8.00 Michael Wood: The Story of India 9.00 Film: The Leader, His Driver and the Driver's Wife (1991) 10.10 World War Two: 1942 and Hitter's Soft Underbelly 11.40 Michael Wood: The Story of India 17V2
3.10 Film: Garfield (2004) 4.45
Take Me Out 5.55 Take Me Out –
The Gossip 6.45 Film: Charlie and
the Chocolate Factory (2005) 9.00
The Xtra Factor Results 10.00 The
Only Way Is Essex 10.45 Girlfri3nds
11.50 The Vampire Diaries

4.55 Film: Carry On Cruising (1962) 6.45 Agatha Christie's Poirot 9.00 Forensic Casebook with Matthew Kelly 10.00 Film: Interview with the Vampire (1994)

- 17V4
 10. 30 Live British Touring Car
 Championship. 6.30 UEFA
 Champions League Greatest
 Matches 6. 45 Film: The Last
 Sunset (1961) 9.00 Film: Blues
 Brothers 2000 (1998) 11.30 Film:
 Lethal Weapon 2 (1989)
- E4 3.15 Made in Chelsea 4.15 New Girl 4.45 Suburgatory 5.10 Revenge 6.05 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 Film: Stardust (2007) 10.30 Derren Brown: Evening of Wonders

3.10 The War of the Worlds (1953) 4.55 Baby's Day Out (1994) 6.50 Entrapment (1999) 9.00 Terminator Salvation (2009) 11.10 Choke (2008)

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Film Choices

Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines, Channel 5, 9pm John Connor finds his destiny to lead the human race in a future war is catching up with him when an advanced new Terminator in female form is sent back in time to eliminate him. However, a reprogrammed cyborg has also been dispatched to act as his protector. Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger Nick Stahl, Claire Danes and Kristanna Loken. (2003)

At First Sight, BBC1, 11.35pm
An architect embarks on a whirlwind romance with a blind masseur, and persuades him to undergo an operation to regain his sight. However, her kind operation to regain ins sight. Towever, her kind intentions backfire as the pressures of coping with his new world threaten to tear apart their fledgling relationship. Romantic drama, starring Val Kilmer, Mira Sorvino, Kelly McGillis and Nathan Lane. (1999)

WEDNESDAY

Revolutionary Road, BBC2, 11.20pm Married couple Frank and April Wheeler live a picture-

perfect life on the surface, but in truth are growing frustrated with their lot and feel stifled by their situation. When April suggests the family moves to France to start a new life. Frank is persuaded it is a good idea, though when he is offered a stable job with a lucrative pay packet he changes his mind, leaving April a desperate figure longing for an escape. Sam Mendes' 1950s-set drama, starring Kate Winslet, Leonardo DiCaprio, Michael J Shannon and Kathy Bates. (2008)



Wishing Well, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A shallow journalist is sent to write an article about a A strained journals is sent to write an atracte about.

However, she finds her life transformed when she returns home to find no one from her past remembers her. Fantasy drama, starring Jordan Ladd, Ernest Borgnine, Tempestt Bledsoe, Sally Kellerman, Jadin Gould, Kyle T Heffner, and Kevin Kirkpatrick. (2009))

FRIDAY

Death Race, Channel 5, 9pm
Jensen Ames is framed for the murder of his wife and sent to Terminal Island Prison, a facility that broadcasts the highly profitable Death Race, a high-octane event where convicts battle to the death in customised cars. When a popular driver dies, crooked prison warden Hennessey persuades Ames to take his place, claiming he will be released if he is victorious. Sci-fi thriller, starring Jason Statham, Joan Allen, Ian McShane yrese Gibson, Natalie Martinez, Max Ryan, Jacob argas and Jason Clarke. (2008)

Pick of the Week

Michael goes nuts in **Brazilian adventure**

If you do a search on the Internet for Brazil with Michael Palint chances are the results will feature a 1885 film directed by his old Monty Python mate Terry Gilliam.

In it, Palin subverts his nice-guy image by playing dack Lint a hardworking but unscrupulous torturer who is loyal only to the regime that employs him.

We can assure viewers that Palin won't be appearing as that character in this new, four-part series. Instead, he's back to his affable best and back on the road.

After spending the past 25 years travelling the world for our entertainment, you would think that Palin had been everywhere, wouldn't you?

lt's true that the comedian-turned-actor-turned-globetrotter has more stamps in his passport than most people, but there's one place he's never been to, and it happens be the fifth-biggest country on the planet – Brazil.

"I'd spent one night there in 1996, on the way from South Africa to Chile to fly to the South Pole, and had seer

nothing except the salesmen on Copacabana Beach," he says.

Brazil is a nation that, over the next four years, will increasingly be in the spotlight because not only will it host football's World Cup in 2014, it's also the next host country of the Olympic Games in 2016.

Palin begins his tour in the north east, which was once an area populated by European settlers who grew wealthy by exploiting slave labour; now it has a vibrant mix of

200-year-old ceremony performed on its backstreets, goes dancing, and samples life with the local area's old-style cowboys.

style cowboys.

Then it's on to Salvador, where Palin learns about the religion of Candomblé and tries African drumming before rounding off the first leg of his tour by taking a trip on a traditional saveiro boat.

"It was a thrilling journey, full of great sensations, and provided I can stay on my feet, I think this Brazil series has the potential to be very special." But even if it isn't, you get the impression that Palin will shrug it off, and continue to smile: "My general feeling is that I'm extraordinarily fortunate to be alive and try and look at each day as an enormous opportunity."

Another reason for Palin's stability is is happy home life. He's been married his happy home life. He's been married to childhood sweetheart Helen since 1966, and they have three adult children - Tom, Will and Rachel. However, none of them accompany him on his travels. "It's difficult enough to make these journeys with a crew of seven," he explains. "There's no time for family life really, it's a sort of commando raid – a little group of people who all have something to do—and you wouldn't take your group of a commando raid.

"Also, my wife is quite happy to let

"Also, my wife is quite happy to let me get on with doing this. She's got used to it over the years. Even before was doing travel shows I'd be filming was doing travel shows I'd be filming away for six weeks at a time. Now the children are grown up it's much easier."



Brazil with Michael Palin, Wednesday, BBC1, 9pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY Jamie's 15 Minute Meals

Channel 4, 5pm
Throughout this – fast-paced – new series (of which he's written a book in the same vein). Jamie which res whiten a book in the same venil, same nas improved on his 30-minute-meals series a couple of years back, appealing to all the microwave-loving haphazard cooks and mums-on the-go in demonstrating that in the time it takes to heat up a ready-meal, with a bit of organisation, a delicious feast can be cooked from scratch. Each delicious least can be cooked from scratch. Each half-hour episode will feature two super-fast nutritious family meals, beginning with chilli con carne meatballs, plus sticky kickin' chicken.

ITV1, 9pm

It looks like there's romance in the air for Monroe (James Nesbitt) and Lizzie (Tracy-Ann Oberman). Of course, nothing goes to plan in Gabriel's world, so there's little surprise when their date doesn't quite go as expected. The medics have plenty on their plate when Sally Indale (Jennifer Hennessey) is admitted. She has a history of fitting and aggressive episodes, so when she has an MRI scan, the surgeons are amazed to find an aneurysm 'the size of the Isle of Wight' deep in her emporal lobe. If Sally agrees to a frightening operation – hypothermic circulatory arrest – Wonroe believes he can restore her old personality.

THESDAY

Rolf's Animal Clinic

Channel 5, 8pm

or 10 years, Rolf Harris was the host of much

loved BBC series Animal Hospital. Now he's back with this similarly themed new series. Rolf's Animal Clinic sets up shop at the University of Liverpool's Leahurst campus, which is home to one of the LIK's top veterinary colleges. It also operates three specialist hospitals treating cats and dogs, horses and farm animals, and two teams of mobile vets The first patient is Millie, a family's pet horse who is brought in with a life-threatening case of colic and needs emergency surgery. There's also a chance to meet two very excitable alpacas, a pet pig with an

unsightly lump and a bulldog who's been put on a

diet. It must be just like old times for Rolf!

WEDNESDAY

Grand Designs Channel 4, 9pm If you want to live in one of west London's most exclusive areas, sometimes you have to be a little creative with space management, as Audrey and Jeff know only too well. They plan to transform a listed Edwardian artist's studio – along with 5,000 sq ft of derelict basement - into a bespoke subterranean home. The des res will feature a supersize kitchen, mezzanine sitting room, four en-suite bedrooms, a gym, cinema, steam room and wine cellar, It's a tricky enough task with proper architect's drawings, but they have made a rod for their backs by opting to go ahead without. Audrey is project-managing, but it's not long before they have hit the first of many problems.

ITV1. 9pm

DCI Banks and DI Morton investigate when a professional hit-man bursts in to the luxurious house of Keith Rothwell and shoots him at close range. What strikes Banks, though, are the strange reactions of the victim's family and it soon becomes evident that Rothwell has been living a secret double life. Seemingly, Banks finds himself involved in a fraud investigation that pits him against an old police rival. The case also brings about personal issues for the detectives, as Morton continues to struggle to fit into her new environment.

> THURSDAY The Town That Caught Tourette's Channel 4, 9pm Tourette syndrome isn't contagious, is it? Before watching

resounding 'no' but afterwards.. Well, you'll need to make up your own mind. In October 2011, in Le Roy, a small town in New York, a handful of teenage girls from the same high school began displaying symptoms that looked like they had suddenly developed Tourette's - facial twitching, violent limb gestures and verbal outbursts. Here,

this documentary, you would say a

those who

suffered - and in some cases, are still suffering discuss the situation and what they feel caused their symptoms. They also reveal how they coped with what happened in particular the media furore hope of raising awareness of their problem

Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Burt Revnolds

TrV1, 9pm

He was once the biggest movie star in the world, a hirsute hunk whose million-dollar grin and trademark 'tache left women the world over weak at the knees. However, a series of bad decisions saw Burt Reynolds turning out a string of so-so films and TV shows in his later years. This week Piers Morgan grills the star of films such as Smokey and the Bandit and The Cannonball Run. As ever, Morgan will be asking the questions some As ever, Mongain will be asking the electrons or interviewers refuse to, but let's hope he's a little kinder on Reynolds than he was on his Cannonball Run co-star Roger Moore the other week.

Derren Brown: Apocalypse

Channel 4, 9pm
Derren Brown's latest mind-boggling feat sees him attempt to convince one person that the planet has been devastated by a catastrophic meteorite strike, that zombies have taken over the land and he is one of a handful of survivors. The survivor is someone who takes his life for granted, but he won't for much longer, as this meticulously crafted adventure threatens to give him just the wake-up call he needs. Chances are that Derren will have done it again – baffled all of us that is.

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Double Crossword

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Cryptic Clues:

Across

- 1. It just goes to show how time passes!
- 4. Comes into line for clothes (7)
- 8. A case for travelling light (7)
- 9. A topping decoration (5)
- 10. Dog food? (4)
- 11. Feeling fed-up! (8)
- 13. Saucy vessel? (4) 14. Look equal (4)
- 16. Ugly in an awkward way (8)
- 17. The ship that ended the embargo (4)
- 20. A number holding no end of wood (5)
- 21. Made allowances? (7)
- 22. Part of the meal you leave, we hea 23. One may slip and

fall into it (5)

Down

- 1. Properly managed, as efficient orches tras are! (4-9) 2. Colour and leave
- the dance (5) 3. List familiar to the
- last worker (4)
- 5. Grows about ten different wines (8)
- 6. Unusual threats really surprise (7)
- 7. Fixed rule deciding priority in a queue? (8,5)
- 12. Opera featuring just one player? (8)
- 13. They should be allowed to be them selves, we're told
- 15. Steps a brave man won't take (6)
- 18. A helicopter needs it, going up and down (5)
- 19. Title from Latin America (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

- 1. Trap (5)
- 8. Titular (7)
- 9. Subject (5) 10. Greek love-god (4)
- **11.** To pain (8)
- 13. Cease (4)
- 14. Proceed (4)
- 16. Birth (8)
- 17. Got up (4) 20. Drone (5)
- 21. Assuage (7)
- 22. Theft (7)
- 23. Crush (5)

Down

- 1. Self-important (13)
- 2. Speed (5)
- 3. Suspend (4)
- 4. Flood (6)
- 5. Fatherly (8)
- 6. Utter (7)
- 7. Reticence (13) **12.** Talk (8)
- **13.** Colonist (7)
- 15. Tempestuous (6) 18. Corpulent (5)
- 19. Applaud (4)

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8 Oven; 9 Associate; 10 Profit; 11 Glean; 14
70tal; 15 Leer; 16 Exits; 18 None; 20 Tells; 21
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Steve Barton, senior sales manager for David Wilson Mercia explains, "Our Moorlands development in Hall Green opened its doors to the public in Navamber of last year and has been November of last year and has been selling consistently well ever since, we

sering consistently well ever since, we are down to our final nine houses.

"Customers have been impressed by the choice and quality of the homes and especially its ideal location."

The Moorlands has a range of three, four- and five-bedroom homes left available which are ideal for growing families and those looking for more space in a lovely location.

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Good schools, leisure amenities, including the famous dog track as well as good links out to the motorway network also ensure its popularity remains high.

Steve concludes, "We would suggest anyone interested in a new home in Hall Green acts fast as our final homes will be selling very quickly. Come and

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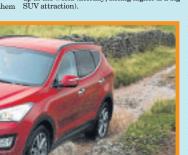
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ARAGE

NOT long ago the easiest way to spark road rage was simply driving a big off-roader through a crowded town centre; everyone thought you were a pretentious poseur.

Now they don't. Or at least, most of them

don't. Today, the off-roader is renamed an SUV, for sport utility vehicle, and we can't get enough of them. So popular are the chunky charms of a modern SUV that buyers are ditching estates and people carriers in their thousands to move up in the world (literally; sitting higher is a big SUV attraction).



The Santa Fe has a higher seat position which makes for a relaxing drive

By Ian Donaldson

Today's SUV helps the switchover too, with lighter bodies and more efficient engines – nearly always a diesel – making them use less fuel than before. And advances in suspension design have banished much of the rock and roll feel that went with off-roaders of old.

The latest Santa Fe from Korean car maker Hyundai shows how far the SUV has come. The last one was a big seller here, with UK buyers taking a third of all sales across Europe and added features mean the newcomer might do better still.

better still.

Improving

Improving

For the first time the Santa Fe can be had with two-wheel drive; cutting the off-road ability of the previously four-wheel drive only range but cutting the cost and improving economy. Even so, sales are expected to be over-whelmingly all-wheel drive models.

Prices start at £25,495 for a two-wheel drive version and rise to the £34,395 asked for a seven seat Santa Fe with auto gears and all the bells and whistles.

Talking seats, the seven seat Santa Fe makes

and winsties.

Talking seats, the seven seat Santa Fe makes a much more style conscious statement than the slab-sided people carriers that big families often have to pick as their personal transport. The

latest interior finds a bit more space than before in a body a little longer and wider but lower than the outgoing Santa Fe and a whole lot better looking, with crisp, flowing lines and well placed licks of chrome adding an upmarket feel.

It's diesel only under the bonnet as we Brits leave thirsty petrol SUVs to the newly minted millionaires of China and the Middle East. the 2.2 litre engine in the new Santa Fe is a lusty performer but you're never in any doubt that diesel runs in its veins, with a chuntering soundtrack in the background.

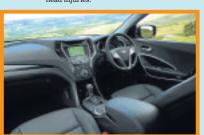
The lazy charms of a biggish diesel match perfectly to an automatic gearbox and the test car was as relaxing as can be, even when brushing off the hills and hollows of a modestly demanding off-road course laid on for my drive. It returned 35mpg on my shortish test drive. test drive.

Among the safety features of every new Santa Fe is trailer stability assist, which brakes individual wheels on the car to settle things down if it senses things are beginning to snake a bit behind. Hill start assist keeps the brakes on for a second or two while your foot flees from brake to accelerator pedal on a slope, while the commanding driving position that

comes with all SUVs makes judging the road ahead a bit more relaxing than in cars with seats nearer the ground.

The midrange spec of the £31,895 auto Premium test car lacked for little. Standard kit includes satellite navigation, reverse parking camera, dual zone climate control, leather seat trim and self-levelling rear suspension.

Every Santa Fe has heated front seats, Bluetooth connectivity and a bonnet that pops up at the rear in a pedestrian collision to minimise head injuries.



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I) benefits from power-folding door mirrors. All these models come with a revised front armrest with additional soft padding. The satellite navigation system that

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SPORT

Hamilton hat-trick humbles the Yeltz

Stamford 4 Halesowen Town 1 HALESOWEN TOWN had a first away defeat of the season despite Luke Corbett scoring on 25 minutes in the Northern Premier Division

One South game.

He drove home a rebound from his initial header after

from his initial header after being set up by Ben Haseley. Halesowen, suffering an injury jinx which has best manager John Hill since he took over, found it hard to keep the lead for so long. Lewis Hamilton equalised on 40 minutes as he forced the ball home after a corner. The Halesowen defenders disputed the fact it had gone

disputed the fact it had gone over the line, but the goal

was given.
Hamilton scored a neat second on the break on 50

second on the break on 50 minutes.

Then former Halesowen player Andy Hall increased the lead on 60 minutes when he cut in from the left and shot home.

The scoring, and Hamilton's hat-trick, was completed four minutes later when he capitalised on another quick break, with the Halesowen defence under more pressure for the rest of the game.

Club joins global bid for games

SQUASH players worldwide SQUASH players worldwide are uniting to create the biggest match in the sport's history — with Stourbridge Lawn Tennis and Squash Club playing a part. Two teams will play in one global match on Saturday to back the sport's bid for a 2020 Olympic Games place. The idea is to swell

back the sport's bid for a 2020 Olympic Games place.

The idea is to swell numbers and attract new players. The Sugar Loaf Lane club is one fielding two teams of 20 players, with rival team members playing one game up to 20 points.

Scores from every club will count towards an overall global result between Team Squash and Team 2020.

World Squash Day organisers hope hundreds of thousands will compete to enable them to claim the event as the biggest sports fixture inistory, as well as the biggest squash match.

Andrew Shelley, World Squash Pederation chief executive, said it was bringing the world of squash together on more than 50,000 courts globally.

Six-pack strike force secures good win

Stourbridge U11B 3 Pegasus Juniors U12 0 Stourbridge U12A 6

STOURBRIDGE were six-goal winners with strikes from Josh Beard, James Welch, Tyreece Ruddock, Kieran Conlon, Rohan Brown and Jack Clarke.

Gornal Colts U12 2 Stourbridge U12B 1 Hinton Utd U13 0 Stourbridge U13A 2

It took until the 20th minute to break the deadlock. Then Kieran Thomas crossed from the right and Harry Franey volleyed in. Stourbridge's second-half pres-

sure was rewarded as the lively Ewan Hunter drilled a right foot strike into the corner.

Stourbridge U13B 5
Tipton United U13 1

Stourbridge opened the scoring as Conner Fowkes' free-kick was volleyed home by James Roberts.

volleyed home by James Roberts.
Tipton levelled, but Daniel
Blunt's penalty restored the lead
and they added further goals from
Fowkes, Sam Green and Liam
Hands rounded off the scoring.
Stouthridge U14A 3 Austrey U140

With 20 minutes gone a good ball from Owen Taylor released Alex Lowe to elude two defenders and

Stourbridge Juniors

slide home. Aaron Gordon added a second with a fierce shot.
Stourbridge keeper Niall Maher was at full-stretch to tip a free-kick away. Hayden Curtis finished a good three-man move for a third.
Stourbridge U148 3
Phoenix Rangers Minor U140
Stourbridge Eeper Ben Rhodes' fine saves kept the game goalless before Hayden Curtis, Luke Groves and Jonny Hooper scored the goals which won the match.
Stourbridge U15A 3 Rubery U15 3
Stour went behind early in the

first half before responding with a Lucas Muckley hat-trick. They then switched off and conceded two goals with minutes of the first half remaining. Sturbridge U158 0

West Hagley U15 5 Bilbrook U15 Girls 2

Stourbridge U15 Girls 3
Stourbridge hit back from two goals down to move into the next round of the cup.

They pulled a goal back through Leah Stanton before the break and equalised when Lauren Baker lifted the ball over the advancing

A fine goal won it; Ashleigh Westwood controlled a throw-in and laid the ball back to the edge of the box for Holly Bartleet to fire a first-time shot into the top corner. Baker then hit the bar but there was no further scoring. Lutterworth Athletic U16 0

Lutterworth Athletic U16 0
Stourbridge, with just 12 fit
players available, did well to secure
a draw in what was an entertaining game despite the scoreline.
Stourbridge U16B 4
West Hagley U16 1
Wordsley Wasps U17 Girls 0
Stourbridge U17 Girls 6

Glassboys performance disappoints big crowd

THE GLASSBOYS enjoyed a bumper crowd of 743 on 'non-league day' – but Gary Hackett's men failed to rise to the occasion.

to the occasion.

And they paid the price for a disappointing display when Lewis Hilliard scored with a fine free-kick 14 minutes from time for the only goal of the game.

In a first period devoid of many clear chances, the home side had a let-off on 19 minutes when a hurried clearance from keeper Lewis Solly fell to Hilliard who found Ben Mackey. He drove his left-foot shot straight at Solly.

In the 38th minute the vis-

Mackey. He drove his left-foot
In the 38th minute the visitors' Jay Davies threaded a
pass to Adeoye Yusuff on the
right edge of the box.
He produced a neat turn
and a rising shot into the
side-netting.
In first-half stoppage time
Yusuff's crossfield ball sw
Mackey slip the ball to
Davies whose shot flew wide
although Solly was mistakenly judged to have got a
finger to it.
The Glassboys introduced
a second striker forthe
second-half, but the change,
with playmaker Sean
Geddes moving right, did
not have the desired effect.
They lost out in midfield
and struggled to open up the
visitors defence.
St Neots had greater possession after the break
without initially creating
nuch in the final third while
Ben Billingham fired a 20yard effort over at the other
end in the 65th minute. vard effort over at the other

yard effort over at the other end in the 65th minute. A better spell from the Cambridgeshire outfit saw them almost take the lead in on 70 minutes as a left-wing cross from Ed Adjei dropped over the head of Solly but rebounded off the crossbar. Three minutes later a

St Neots Town 1

Stourbridge 0

deep cross from John-Paul Duncliffe found Hilliard at the far post whose header drifted narrowly wide.
However, on 76 minutes Jamie Oliver was adjudged to have fouled Yussuf just outside the penalty box.
Hilliard stepped forward to curl a rising shot beyond the dive of Solly and into the top corner of the net.
The Glassboys didn't really look like finding an equaliser, but might have salvaged a point three minutes from time as a ball forward from Billingham found Leon Broadhurst.
He pulled a low cross back from the left-hand byline and a slip by Jordan Gent allowed Sam Rock to nin in

from the left-hand byline and a slip by Jordan Gent allowed Sam Rock to nip in only to see his angled shot beaten away by Duggan in the visitors goal.

The home side could have few complaints though, but the defeat sees Stourbridge lose top spot and drop to 4th place in the division with St Neots one of the sides to overtake them.

Shillingford cannot squash the Grasshoppers



Stefan Shillingford bursts away for Dudley Kingswinford in their match against Preston Grasshoppers. DK per-formed well, but were left to rue the concession of late scores which gave their visitors an 18-13 victory.

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Town go out after surprise setback

AFC Wulfrunians 3 Tipton Town 0 TIPTON TOWN crashed out of the FA Vase second round in a surprise defeat at AFC Wulfrunians.

The hosts went close as

The hosts went close as Nathan Rose-Laing fired over after linking well with Andy Thompson.

Tipton's Nigel Penney fired wide after Tom Tonks' long throw caused problems.

Wulfs keeper Danny Tipton made two excellent saves, the first after Karl Edwards was clear and then an instinctive block from Richard Huckfield's header.

Mike Robertson saw a 25-yard daisy-cutter go just wide for Wulfs before Tipton wasted another good chance

wide for Wulfs before Tipton
wasted another good chance
as Penney capitalised on a
defensive slip but fired wide
with just the keeper to beat.
Jake Sedgemore's freekick was tipped over by Jack
Hayfield for Town.

Speculative

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In the 34th minute
Thompson fed Rose-Laing,
continued his run and slid
the ball past the keeper.
Four minutes before the
interval Sedgemore's corner
was half-cleared and Robertson returned the ball into
the middle where Tom Ray
swept home from 10 yards.
Seconds after the restart
Thompson's speculative

swept home from 10 yards.
Seconds after the restart
Thompson's speculative
long-range strike was brilliantly kept out by Hayfield.
Lewis Haycock headed
over from a good position
and Tonks saw his longrange shot tipped over as
Tipton continued to search
for a way back into the game.
After soaking up pressure
Wulfs effectively killed off
Tipton with a third goal in
the 73rd minute.
A low ball across goal from
the right by Thompson was
converted at the far post by
Rose-Laing.

Table-toppers³ scrappy victory

Santiago Colts Shamrocks U11 0

West Hagley East U11 2
WEST HAGLEY went top of
the table with this victory.
It was a scrappy first half
which ended 0-0. Hagley

pricked up in the second period, and took the lead with a breakaway goal. Toby Mason's through ball put Finley Andrews-Wood away and he smashed in his tenth goal of the

in his tenth goal of the season.

Moments later Andrews-Wood fed Tom Field hit a looping volley over the keeper for the second goal.

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DK miss out

It's yet another narrow defeat Page 39



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face tilt at title and a tall order

DUDLEY Heathens want their bid for National League title glory backed at the home leg of the grand final at Wolverhampton on Tuesday.

It is their biggest night since rising from ashes of the old Cradley outfit three seasons ago. They also host the second leg of the National League Knockout Cup final straight after.

Heathens got a play-offs final place at Stoke last Wednesday, 24 hours after edging the first leg of the semi-final by a point and all-round spirit set them up for a double header on Tuesday. The final is at 7.30pm. Heathens then chase a 28-point deficit in the cup final second leg against Midenhall. Prices for the two meetings are £15 adults, £10 concessions and £2 children. Manager Will Pottinger said: "We are hoping the terraces will be packed."
Skipper Adam Roynon is back from injury to replace Joe Haines, who got a maximum at Stoke. James White-Williams should return after ankle damage in the home semi-final.

Fans at Tuesday's double header – Heathens' last home action of the season – can buy tickets for the awards night at the Venue Conference and Banqueting Suite, Upper High Street, Dudley on Priday November 2. Tickets at £10 are at the track shop or online shop.

Emerson on victory roll

STOURBRIDGE speedway

STOURBRIDGE speedway hopeful Emerson Jones sprung a surprise in his very first meeting – he won it.

The 18-year-old, already snapped up on contract for 2013 by National League outfit Stoke, took part in the support class in a Summer Championship amateur meeting at Scunthorpe.

Jones, who has attended a number of training schools and practices but not previously raced, had no experience of the starting gate system either.

He eased himself into the

system either.

He eased himself into the meeting with four points from his three rides, a score just good enough to make the B final but victory there got him into the A final which he also won.

Jones took some notable scalps, including brothers Simon and Martin Pearce, who finished first and second overall in the Summer Championship.

Heathens | Matt's last-gasp bid to retain championship

STOURBRIDGE racer Matt Neal is poised for a last-gasp bid to retain his British Touring Car championship.

He, Gordon Shedden, Jason Plato and Andrew Jordan, are in with a shout of the crown going into the deciding final three races at Brands Hatch in Kent this Sunday.

**PSC-Schodden is an occurse for the title for

Fife's Shedden is on course for the title for the first time and to be the first Scottish winner of Britain's premier motor racing championship since John Cleland in 1995.

The factory Honda Yuasa Racing Team ace goes into the event – starting with timed practice and a half-hour qualifying session on Saturday – with a 15-point advantage

over nearest challenger Plato at the top of the table. With 67 points still up for grabs – 20 for a win plus assorted bonuses – Plato, who won both his previous titles in 2001 and 2010 at Brands Hatch, is the man in form. The Oxford racer, just 45, won twice at Silverstone just over a week ago in his MG KX Momentum Racing MG6 as Shedden, teammate Neal and Pirtek Racing's Jordan all struggled in Honda Civics.

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Neal, who won the title for a third time 12 months ago, is not giving up on a fourth – a feat achieved only once since the BTCC's

first race, at Brands Hatch in 1958, by Andy Rouse (1975 and 1983-5). Neal, bumped to third in the standings by Plato at Silver-stone having led the championship for much of the season, is 31 points adrift of Shedden and still nursing a broken hand.

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Staffordshire's Jordan, from Lichfield, is
the big outsider. The 23-year-old is 61 points
behind Shedden but were he to somehow
miraculously lift the title he would become
one of the youngest champions in the
BTCC's 54-year history.

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Shedden is "quietly confident", adding: "Silverstone was our car's bogey circuit and we came out of it still ahead. I'd rather have

the points in the bag any day of the week." But Neal declared: "There's no way I'm giving up on defending my title and, after a tough time at Silverstone which we didn't deserve, I'm really fired up.

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"I'll have less success ballast in my car
and hopefully that might give me a small
edge. Our chief objective is to get a Hondo
over the line first and Gordon should be the
priority because of his stronger position."

The event is traditionally a near sell-out but tickets remain on sale at www.brand shatch.co.uk or by calling 0843 453 9000. Admission for accompanied children aged 12 and under is free all weekend.

United's Vase win grounds the rivals

Causeway Utd 2
Stourport Swifts 0
CAUSEWAY progressed to the next round of the FA
Vase with a comfortable victory over their high-flying Midland Alliance rivals, Stourport Swifts.
The home side dominated throughout, and almost led with a volley from Scott Stevenson on eight minutes.
On 23 minutes a 30-yard shot by Adam Meacham found its way through the hands of Stourport goal-keeper Haydn Whitcombe.
It could have been at least three by half-time, with chances missed for the home side, including a head?

chances missed for the home side, including a header from Darren Whitley in injury time which he put over the bar when it looked easier to score.

The one-way traffic continued and United sealed the victory in 76 minutes when substitute Stefan Ashman received the ball from a throw-in and played it through to Stuart How, who applied a lovely finish.

Only then did Stourport seem to want to battle back and Lewis Pountney saw a

seem to want to battle back and Lewis Pountney saw a header from a Paul Jones cross brilliantly saved by Tom Turner, but it was Causeway who deserved the

Glassboys fail as the fans turn out

HIGH-FLYING Stourbridge attracted a bumper crowd for their home clash with St

for their nome clash with St Neots Town. Nearly 750 supporters turned out – but the home team were unable to supply a victory, losing to the only goal of the match. Match report – Page 39

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SAXONS STAY CLEAR AT TOP OF LEAGUE

Caldy 13 Stourbridge Saxons 28

THIS win secured the Saxons' seventh straight bonus point win from as many games, keeping them clear at the top of National League Two North.

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Saturday's game saw a Drew Harper hat-trick and a well-taken try for wing Sam Baker with the bonus point won by half-time. By contrast, the second half was error-strewn and at times indisciplined, the Saxons having to defend their lead against opponents who scrapped all the way.

Saxons shipped an early penalty from a monster kick by Caldy's fly-half, but responded with a Caolan Ryan penalty after Caldy had a man sin-binned for a high tackle.

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The pack got a big scrum drive on. Caldy had to kick clear 30m from their line and had no answer to a Saxons long-range catch and drive as Harper took the ball for an unconverted try.

The hosts got three points from a penalty, but Saxons secured possession at the restart and fed the ball to the centres who managed to

secured possession at the restart and fed the ball to the centres who managed to drive it deep into Caldy's 22.

Awarded a scrum, on came the shove, up went the Caldy hooker but Saxons opted to scrum again and, with the referee calling another advantage, they drove over the next scrum, Harper again the scorer.

Another ineffective Caldy clearance kick was secured and worked right to Ryan who linked with his centres.

Will Hurrell straightened the attack before feeding the ball for Baker to blast through and ground for a try. Ryan converted.

A Ryan kick found touch

A Ryan kick found touch five metres from the Caldy line. Saxons' catch and drive was held up but they secured a scrum feed and drove once again, Harper grounding

from short range to secure a hat-trick and a bonus point with a 25-6 half-time lead.
An early Baker run drew a penalty. Tu'ipolotu ran it, finding Hurrell in support who made it deep in the Caldy 22, but Lucas Roysmith's footwork on an opponent lying over the ball drew a penalty reversal.
A Caldy clean line break was recovered by James Rodley who forced a penalty. Further Caldy forays were

Forther Caldy forays were repelled until a backs move saw their winger come across field at pace to outpace the realigned Saxons defensive line for a converted try.

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Nick Adams and Caldy's flanker saw yellow after the Saxons pack got another big drive on at a scrum, the Saxons then winning a penalty in the Caldy 22 that Ryan converted.

Rodley was sent off for punching, leaving Saxons a man short. Caldy spun the ball wide, but the tackling of Will Harris, Baker and Pete White held.

Performance coach Mike

Performance coach Mike Umaga said: "It wasn't pretty, but job done."



Hat-trick hero Drew Harper on the charge during Stourbridge Saxons' win over Caldy, their seventh success

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